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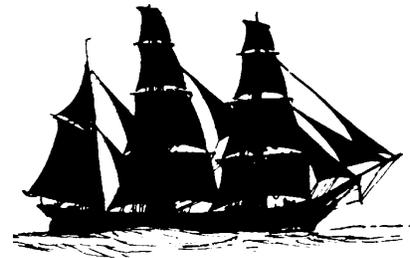
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Blizzard Cleanup Just About Finished

By Sam Bishop

On February 22, we were hit by a blizzard that paralyzed the region for nearly the entire week and stressed the electrical grid to its furthest extent.

The final numbers, according to the National Weather Service, have Rochester, the only time in the Tri-Town the service measures, coming in at 25 inches of snow. A little over two feet in the span of about 24 hours.

At the same time, wind gusts in Marion were registered at a peak of 50 miles per hour, recorded at 5:30 am. Nearly all of Marion experienced power outages, with 3,111 households affected. There were 1,164 household outages in Mattapoisett and 1,446 in Rochester.

Models and predictions had swung unprecedentedly as the storm approached. Although New York City, the Jersey Shore, and Long Island were the first to be put in the crosshairs, it quickly became apparent that the South Coast and Cape Cod would be the true targets.

That being said, the record for this snow fall, and the area hit hardest, would prove to be Rhode Island and Narragansett Bay. T.F. Green International Airport measured 37.9" of snowfall, as National Grid scrambled to keep up with outages.

Here in the Tri-Town, power had been restored to nearly all residents past mid-week. Eversource called on mutual aid from Connecticut, New Hampshire, and other parts of Massachusetts to assist in the restoration of power to Plymouth, Bristol and Barnstable counties.

The travel ban was lifted the day after the storm, on Tuesday, February 24 at noon. The Rochester Select Board held an emergency Zoom meeting that day to discuss conditions and cleanup efforts.

In Marion, city offices like the Town House Annex and Maritime Center had to be closed for much of the week, with the Maritime Center staying closed throughout.

In Mattapoisett, the Town Administrator Michael Lorenzo offered an official thank you message to the hard work of members of the Highway Department, Water /

On the Cover: Haakon Perkins built an igloo with all the snow from the recent storm and invited eight of his friends over for dinner around the fire inside. Photo courtesy Bodil B. Perkins

Sewer Department, and the Police and Fire Departments, saying, "For four straight days, the men and women of these departments worked around the clock, leaving their families at home during a difficult time to serve, assist, and protect our community. Their tireless commitment and professionalism ensured the safety and well-being of Mattapoisett residents during what was truly an unprecedented storm."

In a cruel twist of fate, snow began to fall from the heavens this past Tuesday, though it didn't stick and would transition to rain, pelting and slowly melting the

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Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sunday, March 8 at 2am

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From Snow Smitten to Frost Bitten

The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

Like a lot of South Coasters, I go from laughing to cursing about the weather of late. We'd like some sign of a shift towards spring. Is it too much to ask for a pocket of warm air to tell us that the wait won't be long? A warble from a returning bird?

Not so long ago, all this living in a snow globe made me glow. Now it's just wearing me down as with a relationship that's gone bust. This is what I would say if I could say:

Winter Winter!

I'll pine no more. Let's admit it, we don't get along as much as we did before. I've taken such a beating: the cold, the excessive shoveling, the tiresome dressing up, and all the problems that you caused... Delays, icy footing, dangerous travel not to mention your constant interference and intrusion at the oddest moments. How long can one endure?

It was a time when I needed your presence – you sent chills down my spine and put color in my cheeks. I lost myself in your whiteness, but now you're like a parasitic hanger-on, an overextended guest, who is monopolizing me. No matter how deeply I chip away, you're icy to the core. Oh, there were a few days when you started to melt, but then I had to feel you freeze up all over again and that gets old.

The next time you hear from me, I will be locked in a warm and rapturous embrace in the greenest glade filled with sweet blossoms and a lighter spirit. Less you think I was sinking to your level, be assured, I will rise above it and feel the sunshine tomorrow!

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The need for change isn't to say that all is lost regarding winter. If it's any consolation, the snow will magnificently refresh the groundwater and protect the



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perennials that are still asleep. We can also get recharged by looking through seed catalogs and garden magazines...

The human decision to label the seasons and expect them to comply in a consistent manner showing their best is about as real as expecting everything in life to go as planned. The same compulsion finds us looking ahead to spring no matter what the weather is today. It is a hope inherent in our psyches, and humans need to have that.

My silly rant aside, I really do try to find the positives in the here and now and even play a mental game when I'm out for a walk through what often appears as a frostbitten landscape. I look for 10 things that bring satisfaction to my senses and a fast-forward to the summertime that seems such a long way off. Perhaps it will be stiflingly hot, and I will want to disparage summer as I have done here with the winter.

The distant sound of spring seemed closer earlier this week as I heard a few syllables of bird song in the morning and again on a quiet, terribly cold, dark silent night when the chill wind pulled a wind chime very softly but audibly to life.

"We should be like a couple of hot tomatoes, but you're as cold as yesterday mashed potatoes" – from A Fine Romance, lyrics by Dorothy Fields.

TrumpRx - What is it Good For?

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

In February, with much fanfare, TrumpRx was launched, claiming the ability to save US residents money on prescription drugs. Does it do so? Are there better ways to save money?

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The site does not sell medications. Rather it directs you to manufacturers' websites where you can (with a prescription) buy the medications directly from the companies, for cash – no insurance accepted. The list price is contrasted with the lower "TrumpRX" price.

43 medications are listed. All are brand name drugs. At least 18 are old-timers with much cheaper generic versions available at your local drug store, not only far cheaper than the list price but even cheaper than the discounted price offered.

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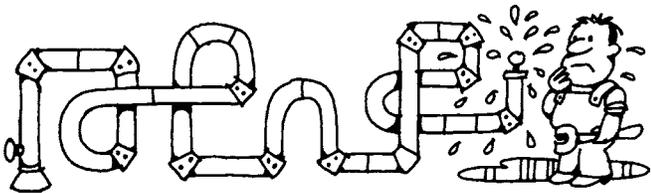
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Even for drugs where there is no generic yet available, you may well pay less at your pharmacy than the supposed savings offered via TrumpRx. Moreover, at the pharmacy you can use your health insurance, while using TrumpRx does not allow any insurance.

So, can you really save money on prescriptions? Yes, by following some commonsense rules.

First, always ask your prescriber if a generic is available for your condition. There are a few illnesses for which only one or a limited number of branded products will work, but such conditions are rare. For common conditions there are usually generic versions that are similarly effective.

Beware of manufacturer coupons that claim to let you pay little or nothing for a new branded drug – these have a limited lifetime, and when the promotion runs out you will be on an expensive medication for a long time.

Check the Mark Cuban Cost-plus Pharmacy (costplusdrugs.com). This has a large and growing number of medications at very reasonable prices.

Look for savings coupons on GoodRx.com.

If you have a condition for which only a very expensive drug will work, and your share will be financially stressful even using your insurance, call the manufacturer directly. Many have patient assistance programs that will lower your cost.

For a few items, including fertility drugs and weight loss drugs, TrumpRx may save you money – it does not take much time to look.

Edward Hoffer MD is Associate Professor of Medicine, part-time, at Harvard.

Finally, the Continentals Army Attacks Boston

This Week in Revolutionary War History

By Sam Bishop

Typically, this weekly article covers a Wednesday-to-Tuesday. However, this week we will cover a few more days in order to bump up the days as The Wanderer prints on Thursdays, and I feel it will make it more relevant to the reader, rather than reading things that happened the prior week. Therefore, this article covers more days to catch up, February 25 to March 7, 1776; the week after will cover March 8 to March 14, etc.

This week in Revolutionary War history, let’s check up on what was going on 250 years ago in and around the colonial Province of Massachusetts Bay. Last week, General George Washington convened with his officers and spoke with the Continental Congress regarding plans for the planned move on Boston. Cold weather, the same that decimated the forces that attacked Quebec, is helping here, with much of the Charles River

and port area around the city frozen over, allowing more encirclement and a spread-out assault. Though they still struggle with powder and manpower, Washington is mobilizing the men and moving into position.

On February 25, 1776, plans for a capture of Boston are nearly finalized. Still struggling with supplies, Washington writes to Major General Philip Schuyler in New York, saying, "I have adopted every measure which my judgment directed for procuring arms in these governments for the army under my command, - I am under the disagreeable and melancholy necessity of informing you, that there is at this important crisis a very great deficiency, and that there is now a considerable number of men at these encampments without any in their hands, nor do I know that there is any prospect or probability of providing them." He has asked this of Schuyler as well as confidants in New England. Time is ticking on Boston, and supplies must be gathered.

That same day, Washington and his officers have finalized a plan should they need to play their hand early. Major General Horatio Gates, Brigadier General Nathaniel Greene, Major General Israel Putnam, and Brigadier General John Sullivan have presented General Washington with a rough plan should the British lash out early. For this, they laid out a system of signals to notify each other of British movements. For example, "Signal in case the Enemy begin to embark, a flag on Roxbury Meeting House; If they actually land at Dorchester two

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flags." This is all while troops, and notably artillery pieces, move into position in Boston's sightline.

He writes to John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, the following day, saying, "We are making every necessary preparation for taking possession of Dorchester Heights as soon as possible, with a view of drawing the enemy out - How far our expectations may be answered, time can only determine." He is confident of this movement of troops, as the encirclement of the city is becoming a reality, adding, "We shall be able to command a great part of the town, and almost the whole harbor." Troops are on the verge of assault as Massachusetts militia are told to be ready to move in at a moment's notice.

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Washington writes to Major General Artemas Ward on March 1, mentioning, "A gentleman or two from Maryland, having some business of importance to negotiate at the lines, have applied for, and been refused leave to attend personally." Men are being turned away, for if they get too close, the troop movements could be revealed to the British in Boston.

On March 2, 1776, the grand plan has taken shape and begins to take motion. Under Colonel Henry Knox who had brought the artillery from Ticonderoga, American guns begin shelling the city from afar in the night, only to have British guns return fire. This exchange goes on for a few days, with little damage done on either side except the destruction of some of Boston's homes and

the killing of some unlucky British soldiers.

On March 3, Washington's General Orders tell his men, "No officer, or soldier, under any pretense, is to be absent from his post," without express permission from their superior. He adds, "The General flatters himself, that every officer, and soldier, will endeavor to give, such distinguished proofs of his conduct, and good behavior, as becomes men, fighting for every thing that is dear, and valuable to freemen; remembering at the same time what disgraceful punishment will attend a contrary behavior." He also instructs men to be ready to push forward to advanced positions like Roxbury, though he still does not explicitly mention Dorchester.

Washington writes to Major General Ward that same day, and notes that his officers "thought it dangerous to delay taking post on Dorchester Hills." He believes it will take about 800 men at night to secure the neck leading to Boston.

On March 5, Washington instructs around 2,500 men to secure Dorchester Heights, not knowing if the British will flee immediately to the sea or if the battle will drag on. Around 800 men are sent in to cover those, with a band of carriages and tools for entrenching positions following behind. Brigadier General Rufus Putnam, cousin of Israel Putnam, sets forth his plan for the use of felled timbers and bundles of sticks/brushwood to hastily erect fortifications overnight atop the hills, thus allowing artillery pieces to be run up and stationed in fortified positions. By 4:00 am, fortifications were erected and defended by small grapeshot cannons.

The British were so surprised by the speed of this encampment, that General William Howe is said to have remarked, "These rebels have done more work in one night than I could make my army do in three months." The following morning, British soldiers would experience much heavier artillery fire than the prior nights, with their returning fire not even able to reach the tops of Dorchester Heights, leaving American positions unscathed.

Howe made plans for a march across to break these positions, preparing a detachment of around 2,400 men. Receiving word of this, Washington increased forces on the hills to around 6,000. Late in the day on

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Marion Special Town Meeting Warrant

Below are the two articles up for a vote at the Marion Special Town Meeting, scheduled for Monday, March 23 at 6:40 pm in Sippican School, 16 Spring Street. This warrant was mailed to Marion residents.

Both articles are recommended by the Select Board.

Article S1. To see if the Town will vote to:

(1) transfer the care, custody, management and control of the portion of the Town-owned parcel of land identified as Assessor's Parcel Plan 11, Lot 32C, described in a deed recorded with the Plymouth Registry of Deeds in Book 25219, Page 181, which portion contains 2,977 square feet, more or less, and is shown as "BP-8" on plans entitled "Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division Plan and Profile of Shared Use Path - Phase 1 in the Town of Marion, Plymouth County, Preliminary Right of Way Plans" dated February 18, 2026, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, from the Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission for the purposes for which it is held, including, but not limited to, park, recreation and conservation purposes to the Select Board for purposes of a shared use path;

(2) as mitigation for the foregoing, to transfer the care, custody, management and control of the Town-owned parcel of land located at Old Indian Trail, containing 13.38 acres, more or less, identified as Assessor's Parcel Plan 26, Lot 15, described in a deed recorded with the Plymouth Registry of Deeds in Book 20438, Page 114, and shown as Lot 4 on a plan entitled "Approval Not Required Plan of Land in Marion Prepared for Joseph and Lynn Goldovitz," which plan is recorded with the Plymouth Registry of Deeds as Plan #341 of 2001, from the Select Board for the purpose for which it is held to the Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission for passive recreation and conservation purposes under the provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 8C and subject to the terms of the Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) Grant Program requirements and 301 CMR 5.00, and the protections of Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution;

(3) further, to authorize the Select Board to file a petition with the General Court for a special act authorizing the foregoing transfer and change in use under Article 97, such transfer and change to become effective upon the enactment of said Article 97 legislation;

(4) and to authorize the Select Board to enter into all agreements and take any and all actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this article, or do or take any other action in relation thereto, or take any other action thereon.

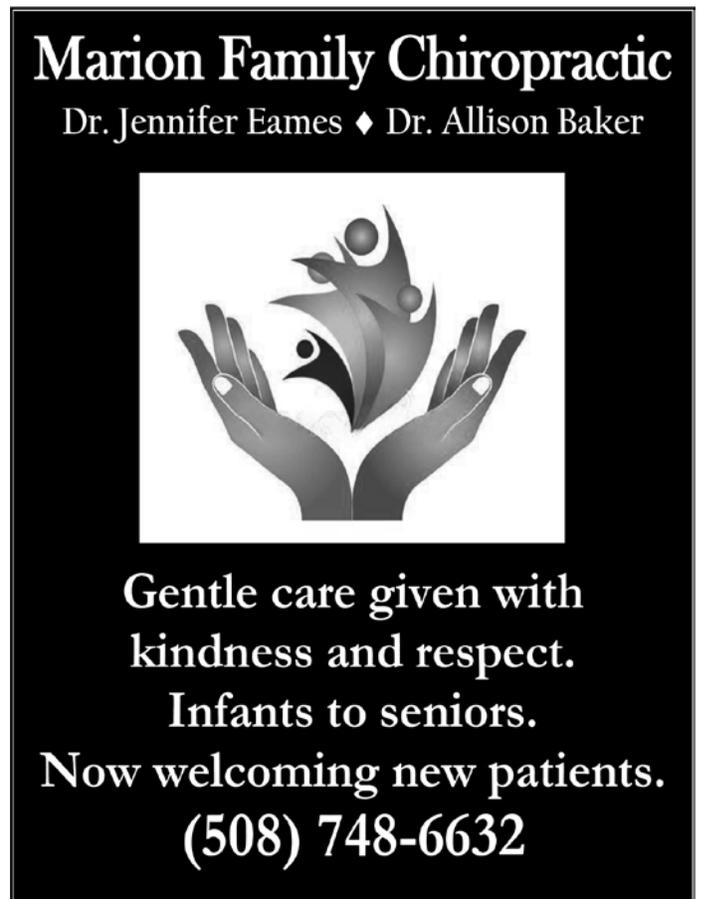
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Article S2: To see if the Town will vote to: authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for special legislation in the form set forth below to allow, the granting of one additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on premises' provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Select Board approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court; and, provided further that the Select Board is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition;

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section 17.

Section 2: Such license shall be subject to all conditions imposed by the Select Board and shall terminate and the town revert to the statutory license quota upon the cessation of business operations at said premises, unless otherwise authorized by law.

Section 3: This act shall take effect upon its passage or take any other action thereon.

Sean Sweeney Selected to Fill Vacancy

Marion Select Board

By Sam Bishop

As rain fell, whilst whittling away the mountains of snow left by last week's blizzard, the Marion Select Board was accompanied by the Planning Board for a Joint-Meeting for the interview of applicants to fill the remainder of the vacant seat on the Planning Board.

First though, they began with a Public Hearing for applicant Sonal Patel of the Marion Beer & Wine Store for a retail package good license for the sale of wine and malt. Sonal's mother spoke, as she will be acting as manager of the store. "I promise we will do good," she said, saying they will follow all laws and guidelines before them in order to serve family and friends.

They've owned the property since 2015, currently the site of Lighthouse Liquors at 664 Mill Street on the corner of Route 6 and Converse Road. She mentioned all work on the exterior of the building will be done next

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week and will be followed by interior work, beginning with the ceiling.

Chair Randy Parker said he wanted a public safety inspection before opening. "As soon as you've got that done, you could go see Donna [Hemphill] and she would issue your beer and wine license." A \$75 fee paid to the Building Commissioner is required for the inspection.

Next began the Joint Meeting with the Planning Board in the search for candidates to fill the vacant term up until May 15, where Town Election will decide a candidate for a full term.

Kimberly Holbrook participated in her interview first, as a member of the Energy Management Committee, she noted her experience with the town.

She mentioned she was a film executive producer and had previously lived in New York City. She said, "I love being a part of a team and hearing disparate views and trying to make everyone happy." When asked, she said she was considering a run for a full term but will use this interim term to try it out.

They asked on her experience, with none yet on planning boards. Though she said she was dedicated and looking to learn.

Lauren Knight went next, who had lived much of her life in town. She noted her mother's work in town, notably at the Marion Art Center, and her dad who was a history professor at Tabor Academy. She is a retired educator with a master's in education who lived and



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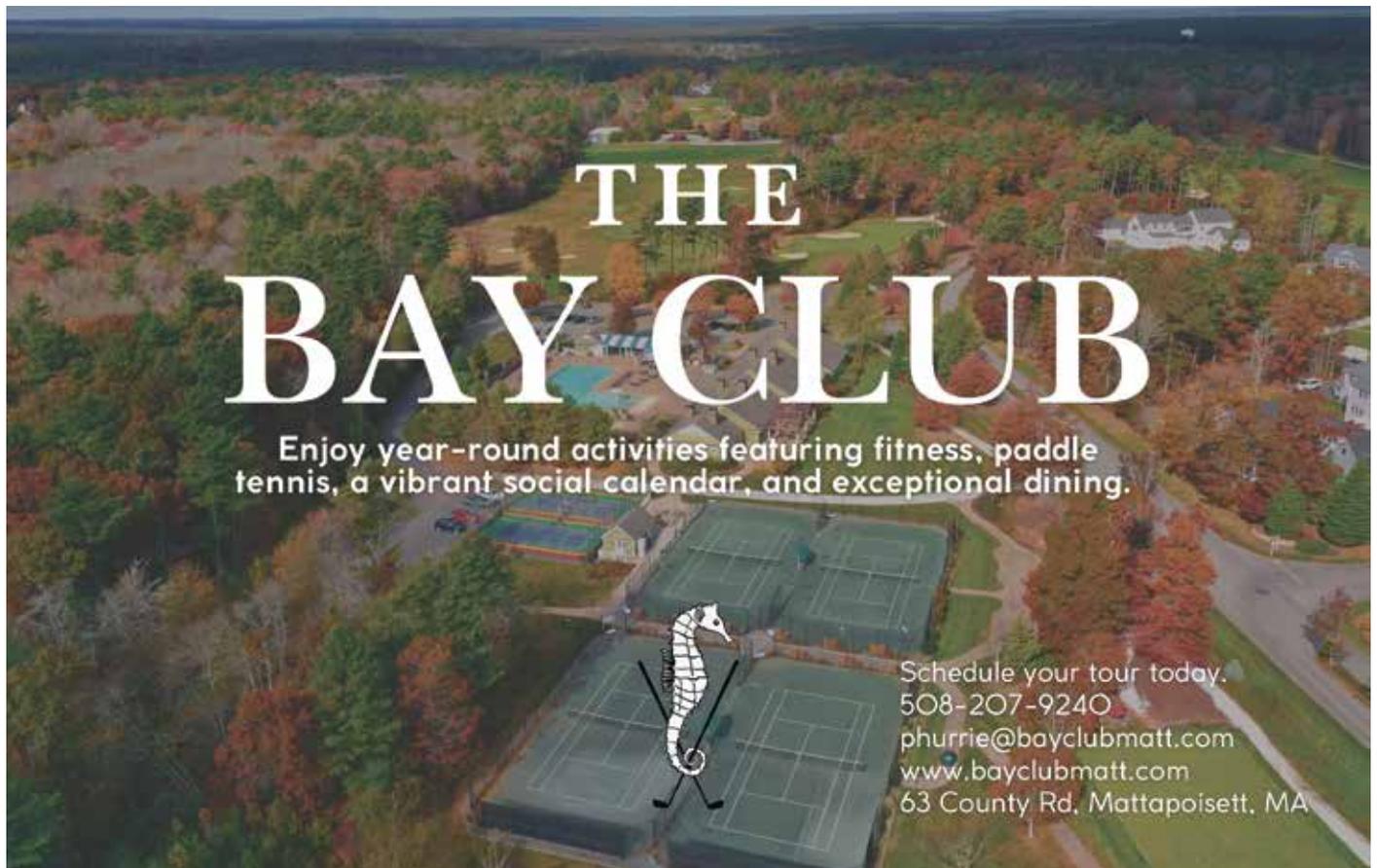
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taught in Holden, "I have yet to give back as I've over a busy mother of three." She mentioned she would run in upcoming election.

She worked on a major renovation in Holden as a key person. She added she's been involved in Marion as a member of the board of the Marion Art Center for 10 years as well as a Elizabeth Tabor Sculpture committee member for 2 years.

"I consider myself a peacemaker," she said. She is a homeowner on Olde Knoll Road and a new mooring owner who is a life-long sailor and has participated in 5 Bermuda races and taught sailing at Tabor.

She said she believed the job of the Planning Board is to bring business to the town but maintain



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the town's history. Lockheed Martin leaving is a great opportunity for such, she said. Planning challenges in town would be updating the Master Plan, last done in 2017. She also mentioned work on Route 6, roads, and sidewalks as priorities.

Ann Morgan went next, saying she moved to town a couple years ago and recently retired as Director of Planning and Economic Development in Webster on November 14, 2025. She lived much of her life on Martha's Vineyard. She has 40 years of experience in planning. She mentioned she loves working with municipal government.

She said she would be running in the upcoming election. "I see the environment down here being

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beautiful and fragile." She mentioned she was a "big fan of listening to people" as well as preserving the unique character of the town. She made reference to various preservation bylaws as well as saying "I'm a history buff" and mentioned she was the chair of her town's historic commission.

"Have you had a chance to look at our master plan?" The chair asked. "I have," she replied, "it's outdated" she said to laughs around the room.

Sean Sweeney spoke next, saying he was excited by the number of people running. He's been in town on-and-off since 2006. He was on the Planning and Design group at MIT for three years recently. He wants different town bodies to work together like ten planning and zoning board.

He is a civil engineer by training and had been in construction for 40 years. He works for the national agency CHA Consulting that works on over \$1 billion of construction projects nationally.

He has an MBA in finance and a law degree that he uses for construction law. He said he would run for the full term in May.

Ted Warmhart's resume was read aloud, who owns Arron's Inc on Route 6 and had been on the Zoning Board of Appeals in the past.

Chair Parker then moved to hold a "straw poll" but first, Vice Chair John Hoagland asked the Planning Board what exactly they need for the next two months in filling this role. Member Eileen Marum said she preferred Ann Morgan due to her experience and her ability to "contribute a positive way" on day one, mentioning experience as a "vital" quality. Vice-Chair Alana Nelson mentioned the same thing, saying it's good to make use of the few months they have to complete work. Member Ryan Burke mentioned fellow member Jon Henry will be absent due to surgery, saying again that experience it's important. Tucker Burr, joining the meeting on the phone, said he puts a value on people who are from around here and know the town.

Chair of Andrew Daniel said of filling this position, "I would've dreamed for a qualified candidate, I never dreamed we'd get five - actually 6. It's mind blowing that people are starting to want to get involved." He said he didn't have much experience when he joined but had learned on the job. "I'm just ecstatic. Whoever doesn't get picked, I'd strongly consider running. If not for this, another position in town. We desperately need your passion."

Hoagland said he would support what the Planning Board believed they needed. Member Norm Hills said he believed someone who would hit the ground running was important for the decision. Chair Parker said there would be a poll by raise of hands.

The final tally was: Holbrook: 0 votes, Knight: 2 votes, Morgan: 3 votes, Sweeney: 3 votes, Warmhart: 0 votes.

Due to the tie between Sean Sweeney and Ann

Morgan, there was a tie breaker vote. Morgan: 3 votes, Sweeney: 5 votes. Daniel made a motion to nominate Sean Sweeney for the temporary term, which was approved by a majority vote. Norm Hills, Alana Nelson, and Eileen Marum abstained from this vote.

There are three (3) spots on the Planning Board open in healing election.

Finally, there was a discussion regarding a fortune teller license from Valarie Lansfied.

She wants to hold tarot card readings to her painting event business. She said it was a hobby, but a license is required in order to charge money for card reading per a state law from the 1960s. The Chair confirmed there isn't official town policy regarding it.

A quarry/background check was recommended. The Chair said he would recommend going forward, but there needs to be follow up, should a revocation policy be added. Chair Parker approved it pending an official revocation clause being added in. They also want to look at Wareham's law to see if they have one. There will be a \$50 application fee for the license.

The next meeting of the Marion Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17 at 6:00 pm in the Marion Police Station.

Likewise, the next meeting of the Marion Planning Board, with their new member Sean Sweeney, is scheduled for Monday, March 16 at 7:00 pm in the Marion Police Station.

Concerns Over RMS Staff Cuts

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Select Board and the Rochester Memorial School Committee on Monday reviewed a budget proposal that includes a plan to cut four instructional staff positions in the next fiscal year.

That part of the \$8.5 million proposal for the Rochester Public Schools' FY27 packed the meeting room with concerned residents as Director of Finance Howard Barber explained the department is dealing with a 7.3 percent budget increase over FY26. Two new students with expensive out-of-district special education needs



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have entered the school system, he explained. That's what had causing the budget increase that staff reduction would offset.

Attendees made it clear that seeing three regular teaching positions and one special education position is not what they want to see happen. "These reductions is not what I want to see," Kate Duggan, School Committee chair, said, speaking on their behalf. "I want to know how we can take these back." She wanted to know if the money for these positions could still be found or raised in some other way.

The basic answer from officials: it is a hard gap to fill. Select Board Chair Adam Murphy said school special education costs will go up. That factor is never going to change. Town Administrator Cameron Durant said state contributions to the town will only be \$35,000 more this year than last year. Spending for special education needs is a mandate the state doesn't fund well.

"If a need like that is enough to wreak havoc on us, then the system is broken," Committee Member Robin Rounseville said.

Durant agreed, but noted the current proposals are just estimates. Full estimates will come later. Murphy asked audience members to hold off on asking budget questions until the school committee holds its FY27 budget review meeting later this month.

Earlier in the meeting, the two groups appointed former school committee candidate Barbara Lee to the Rochester Memorial School Committee to replace Anne Fernandes, who resigned in November. Before this result, audience members objected to the two board's first motion, which was to table a decision to a later meeting. They wanted to be sure proper procedures were being followed in replacing Fernandes.

The motion to table was rescinded. Two candidates presented their credentials: Lee and finance committee member David Arancio. Lee won the majority in a roll call vote.

The next meeting of the Rochester Select Board is scheduled for Monday, March 16 at 6:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Planning Board Nearing Bylaw Completion

Mattapoissett Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

The Mattapoissett Planning board once again took up the matter of drafting new bylaws governing accessory dwelling units and cottage communities.

The purpose of including ADU regulations as a new bylaw comes after the state of Massachusetts allowed this new type of residential building ostensibly to increase housing stock in the Commonwealth.

In Mattapoissett the Planning Board, over the past decade or so, has been lobbied by the citizens in the town to find a way to add affordable housing as housing costs soared pricing out young families and people looking to downsize.

As housing prices escalated the board heard time and again, especially during the drafting of the Master Plan residents call for more housing and affordable housing. While the jury is out on just how impactful ADUs will be in providing long term housing solutions the board labored on.

During the early phases of drafting local ADU standards the Planning Board studied the state's language under MGL40A and 760 CMR 71.00. The ADU Draft notes, "...this zoning provides for by-right ADU to accomplish the following, increase housing production to address local and regional housing needs across all income levels, development of small scale infill housing that fits in context of zoning district housing while providing gentle hidden density, provide a more moderately priced housing option to serve smaller households with lower incomes seniors and people with disabilities and enable property owners to age and place or downsize or earn supplemental investment in their properties. An ADU is a self-contained housing unit inclusive of sleeping, cooking and with sanitary facilities.

Recognized in the ADU draft are regulations covering protected use ADU are attached or detached or internal Adu that is located or is proposed to be located on a lot with a single- family residential structure and is not larger than 900 square feet. It also recognizes non-conforming structures.



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The Planning Board has also taken into consideration during the many months they have labored in an effort to get the language right, with notations regarding short-term rentals, and guest houses and family apartments are mentioned. However, no changes are anticipated at this time for those bylaws.

Another type of dwelling unit known as cottage communities was suggested by board member William Wennerberg. Wennerberg's experience in building cottage communities in the northeast struck a chord with the Planning Board who pursued this housing concept as a good fit for Mattapoisett.

In a follow-up with Planning Board Chairman Tom Tucker, Tucker said from his perspective these units might prove attractive to those seeking to downsize or own a home in a small neighborhood setting.

"These units might be helpful for people looking to age in place or who are just starting out." Tucker continued saying "It's an alternative to other types of housing." He said cottage neighborhoods are walkable, low maintenance...an alternative type of dwelling which he noted might be more attractive than ADUs.

The draft bylaw for cottage communities states that these community developments represent an alternative form of detached housing and are a critical component for the town's comprehensive housing strategy.

Wennerberg has noted during the months of writing and rewriting the cottage bylaw that cottage units would provide housing types that are responsive to the changing household demographics of age and interests and would encourage the creation of more usable open space while promoting the efficient layout of dwellings on parcels being developed.

The footprint of the overall cottage development and the dwelling units therein remain smaller causing less visual impact than the standard size single family dwelling. The board conjectures that cottage developments would foster a sense of community openness and interaction among residents, it would minimize the visual impact of vehicles, it would maintain a single-family character along public streets while



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The board will continue to encourage the public to participate in public meetings in an effort to gather as much public feedback as possible before presenting the new bylaws at Town Meeting in May.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, March 16.

High Street Solar Concerns Addressed

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Conservation Commission on Tuesday leaned heavily into two Notices of Intent for High Street Solar 1 and 2 at 0 High Street., which proposes



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work within the 100-foot wetlands buffer zone for a ground-mounted solar array to include a battery storage system, associated site work and utility construction. One notice is for lots four and five. A separate notice is for lots 6, 16, 17, 35, 21, 20, 22 and 35.

As abutters concerned about the impact of the plan on their neighborhood looked on, project representative Sarah Stern explained the northern section of the parcel is 63 acres; the southern portion is 23 acres and is an upland wooded area where much of the 43-acre solar array would go. These areas surround 94 acres that are being mandated as conservation restriction (CR) land. The developer, Ritter, LLC, is looking for some group to hold this CR. She noted Natural Heritage is examining

the project because it includes box turtle habitat areas. She added that the developer has land where it will rebuild these habitats.

John Dvoski, a cranberry grower with nearby bogs, noted all his bog streams dry up during parts of the year. "We rely on them for our reservoir," he said. He asked that the project's water drainage be designed to go southerly and stay plentiful for his and fellow bog owners' use, he said.

Other Mayflower Lane residents were also concerned about the effect on their water resources. Brad Carvel of 56 Mayflower said he was very concerned with how his water table will be affected. "There's heavy wetlands back there," he said. Mayflower Lane resident Doug Sims asked how the noise of the array's power system will affect local box turtles. Stern answered that conservation protections are being taken very seriously in the planning stage.

Ultimately, the commission continued the NOI hearing to its April 7 meeting. This result came after Chair Christopher Gerrior requested scheduling a site walk as the next step, and he and Stern reasoned they needed more time to let the Planning Board's hearing on the project happen on March 24.

The next Conservation Commission meeting will be Tuesday, March 17 at 7:00 pm in Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

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Final Approval for Wareham Road

Marion Planning Board
By Jeffrey D. Wagner

The long-awaited Wareham Road housing development reached its final stages at Monday's Marion Planning Board meeting.

The meeting itself – held in the Police Station conference room – lasted for 10 minutes, but the project, which has been in the works for five years and changed developers, was approved, requiring some bond-language changes.

The quick meeting on the 48-unit, housing development stood in contrast to the twists the proposed project has taken over the last five years.

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Initially, developers Matthew Zuker and Armando Petruzzello proposed cottages and townhouses for people ages 55 and over.

The developers were also successful in passing a zoning change at the Spring Town Meeting in 2022 to make it a possibility.

Around that time, former Town Planner Gilberto “Gil” Hilario expressed concern about an influx of housing coming into the town.

Earlier this year, the national developer Toll Brothers Inc. took over the project. Last July, Toll Brothers representatives amended the site plan after some concerns were raised by the board pertaining mostly to traffic patterns and potential safety.

Bruce Erman, an engineer for the project, said they wanted to improve the layout for vehicle traffic and pedestrians. Erman proposed single-family homes, in lieu of duplexes, and in an area where all residents there can access the Weweantic River. The layout also improved Fire Department access, according to Erman, eliminating a dead end and creating a loop for fire truck and ambulance access.

Erman said that they also arranged a “boulevard entry” from Route 6 so people know that cars would be leaving the development and would slow down as they are driving along Route 6. Last summer, the board members noted that the development is in a dangerous section of Route 6, with visibility blocked by a hill and the sun at certain times of the year.

The changes proposed by the developers were reviewed by the town’s legal counsel and engineers.

In other news, the board is taking applications for a Planning Board seat set to expire in May. The board also approved minutes from the February 2 meeting.

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board will be held on Monday, March 16 at 7:00 pm in the Marion Police Station conference room.

Dog Kennel Expansion

Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

By Michael J. DeCicco

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the dog kennel at 246 New Bedford Street to expand. The board on February 26 granted a Special Permit to allow up to 15 adult dogs for a kennel license that currently permits a maximum of six.

Applicant Jacqueline Orlando explained she breeds Australian Shepherds. She now has 12 adult dogs at her and her husband Michael’s 1.19-acre kennel and horse farm. There are typically eight puppies in a litter, but these dogs are not part of the kennel count because they are under six months old and are quickly “re-housed” with other people. She needs an expanded license but will keep her dogs within the existing building and the existing footprint, she said.

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her dogs are. Orlando said she keeps them as quiet as possible, and she's only had one complaint that she quickly resolved.

Input from neighbors who attended eased the approval decision. Ray Melanson said he and his wife Marilyn have had no problem with the Orlando kennel. "They've been a great neighbor," he said. "Let her do it. It's a farm."

The board unanimously approved the Special Permit with the following conditions: The building footprint is not to be modified; and the permit allows no more than 15 adult dogs over six months of age to be on the premises.

In other action, the board approved cutting its budget for FY27 in half, from \$1,000 to \$500. This vote came after Board Administrator Andreia Lacerda noted she historically spends only \$500 from the account every year, and the town is looking to cut costs for the upcoming fiscal year.

The Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals did not set a date for its next meeting before adjourning.

Bulldogs Romp in Opening Round

Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

Old Rochester Regional High School's girls basketball team hosted Whittier Regional Voc-Tech in the MIAA state tournament Round of 32 on February 28 and

won 55-33. Carly Mello scored 12 points, Sydney Bosma scored 10, and Emma Johnson had 9.

"After Whittier made a run in the second and third quarter, the girls responded by getting defensive stops and timely shooting," said ORR Head Coach Rick Regan, whose 10th-seeded team visited seventh-seeded North Reading in Wednesday's Round of 16 action. A win against North Reading would send the Bulldogs out west to the second seed, 18-5 Pittsfield (date and time to be announced).

Boys Basketball

ORR played Auburn in the Round of 32 on February 28 and won 55-33. Brody Hiles scored 15 points and grabbed 7 rebounds, Hunter Horsey had 11 points and 8 rebounds, and Grady Oliveira had 9 points and 6 assists. The seventh-seeded Bulldogs were back home on Wednesday for their Round of 16 game against 10th-seeded Cathedral. A win against Cathedral would likely create a quarterfinal rematch of last year's tournament game between the Bulldogs and second-seeded Salem, the date to be determined.

Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School, seeded 18th in the Division 5 state tournament, was once again sent on a long road trip, this year to Mendon where the Cougars battled 15 seed and undefeated Bethany Christian Academy before falling short, 74-71, on February 28. Old Colony finished with a 15-6 record.

Hockey

Seeded 30th, ORR/Fairhaven gave third-seeded Dover-Sherborn a run before bowing out of the MIAA Division 4 state tournament by a 3-1 score on February 27. The Bulldogs finished the season, 6-11-4.

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In recognition of their outstanding academic achievement, Emmanuel College has named more than 950 students to the Dean's List for the Fall 2025 semester. The following local students were named to the Dean's List: **Madeline Wright**, of Mattapoisett. Wright is majoring in Biology. **Paetyn Tripp**, of Marion. Tripp is majoring in Nursing.

Town of Marion Special Town Meeting

The Town of Marion will hold a Special Town Meeting on Monday, **March 23** at 6:45 pm in the Sippican School Multipurpose Room. Copies of the Warrant will be mailed to voters, and it is currently available to view on the Town's website at marionma.gov.

Rochester Republican Town Committee

The next Rochester Republican Town Committee meeting will be held on Monday, **March 9**, at the Ponderosa Sportsman Club, located on 242 Robinson Rd, Acushnet. The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm. Republican candidate for governor, Brian Shortsleeve, will be the guest speaker. Come, and invite a friend. All are welcome

to attend.

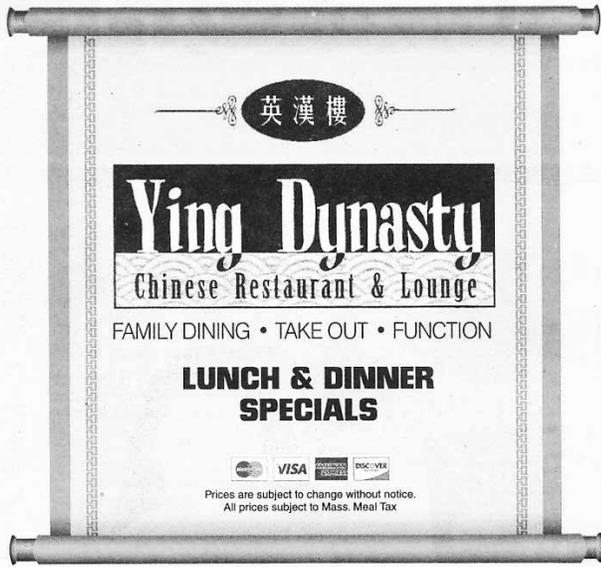
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 Rochester Nominee - Nancy Sparklin - 2 yr. term
 Mattapoisett Nominee - Chris Charyk - 2 yr. term
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Mariner Youth Soccer Club Annual Meeting

The Mariner Youth Soccer Club’s Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, **March 31** at 7:00 pm at the Fairhaven Council on Aging located at 229 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven, MA 02719. All members are welcome to attend.

The meeting will include elections for board positions and committee updates and appointments.

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Sippican Historical Society

Whether March comes in like a lamb or lion, two events presented by the Sippican Historical Society (SHS) this month will give you new historical perspectives.

On **March 19**, textile curator Madelyn Shaw connects war, wool and economics with what we wear today. With co-author Trish FitzSimons, Shaw wrote *Fleeced*, which ties the Australian, New Zealand, English and American wool economy over the past 150 years. This Speaker Series presentation is open to all and will occur at the Marion Music Hall on March 19 at 6:30 pm.

“One of our members attended Ms. Shaw’s talk in Rhode Island and found it fascinating,” said Executive Director Alanna Nelson. “The book really opened my eyes to connections I’d never considered. SHS will have copies of *Fleeced* to purchase after the talk.”

On **March 24**, SHS will host a watch party for the panel discussion “The Past Is Now.” Featuring four indigenous speakers of Wampanoag and Nipmuc tribes discussing King Philip’s War (1675-1676), the live event occurs at the Cambridge Public Library. Enjoy a social evening in a small group to learn about southeastern Massachusetts history. Seats are limited so RSVP now to info@sippicanhistoricalsociety.org for this event on March 24 at 5:30 pm at the SHS.

The Sippican Historical Society, located at 141 Front Street in Marion, is a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to documenting and celebrating the history of Marion, Massachusetts. Thanks to its members, these events are free and open to all. Donations are always welcome. For more information, go to www.sippicanhistoricalsociety.org.

SWC Women’s Health Presentation

The Sippican Woman’s Club will hold its monthly General Meeting on Friday, **March 13** at 12:00 pm at Handy’s Tavern in Marion. In recognition of Women’s History Month, the Club is pleased to welcome Amy Vieira, FNP-BC of Safe Harbor Wellness as guest speaker. The afternoon will begin with a light luncheon, followed by a brief business meeting and a special presentation focused on women’s health and wellness. Guests are welcome to attend.

Amy Vieira brings 16 years of combined nursing experience to her practice and has developed a strong focus on women’s health across the lifespan. She has completed additional training in gynecology, sexual and reproductive health, and primary care for women. Her presentation will emphasize shared decision-making, patient education, and empowering women to take an active role in their health journey.

The Sippican Woman’s Club invites members, friends, and community guests to join this informative



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and timely program as the Club celebrates Women's History Month and its mission of education, service, and community engagement.

To Register and/or for more information about the Sippican Woman's Club, visit www.sippicanwomansclub.org.

Winter Tree ID with the MLT

The Mattapoisett Land Trust is hosting a Winter Tree ID walk on Saturday, **March 7** at 10:00 am at our Brandt Island Cove District preserves - Anchorage Way entrance. Our walk leader will be Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust's land manager Linda Vanderveer. Linda has been the Land Manager for the DNRT since 2013. In her capacity as Land Manager, she oversees the management of nearly 2,000 acres of forests, fields, and wetlands in the Town of Dartmouth. She is an avid huggler of trees, especially in winter. Won't you join us for this lovely winter hike and learn how to identify our native trees in their winter outfits?

Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes - it will be wet! Only the worst weather will cancel an MLT hike. No RSVP required for this free hike. Email manager@mattlandtrust.org or call 774-377-9191 with any questions. Check our Facebook page for any event updates.

Mattapoisett Census and Dog License

The annual census forms for the Town of Mattapoisett were mailed out in January. If you have not returned your form yet, please do so as soon as possible. Please review the information and make any necessary changes. According to Massachusetts General Laws, failure to respond to the census may cause you to be made an inactive voter.

At the bottom of the census, there was a dog licensing form. If you have not licensed your dog for 2026, please take care of that soon. According to Town by-laws, a late fee of \$10 each will start on June 1. Payments may be made online through the Town website, by mail, through the drop box in front of Town Hall, or in person.

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Thursday March 5, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
8:30 AM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Andrew Santos
9:30 AM Mattapoisett Woman's Club Speaker Series - 75th Anniversary Documentary
10:00 AM Rochester Historical Society - An Ancestor Search
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Rail Trail
11:30 AM Tabor Academy
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
3:00 PM MAC Jazz Jam
4:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Power and Glory
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
8:00 PM Teach Your Home Energy Costs! with David Green
9:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - The Famed Bird
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Friday March 6, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
9:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US
9:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
10:00 AM Southcoast Matters
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Rail Trail
11:30 AM Tabor Academy

Sesquicentennial Documentary
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Rochester Affordable Housing Inc ADU Presentation
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
3:30 PM The Collective Chat
3:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
3:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
4:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Andrew Santos
5:00 PM ORR Boys Hockey vs Aponequet
6:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Bridgewater-Raynham
7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
8:30 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
9:00 PM A Conversation With...
9:30 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers
10:00 PM For Your Health
10:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Saturday March 7, 2026

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
10:30 AM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam
11:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
11:30 AM Tabor Academy
12:00 PM Sesquicentennial Documentary
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
2:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
2:30 PM The Human Truth - with Chuck McIntyre
3:00 PM The Collective Chat
3:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Andrew Santos
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Celebrating the Archive
6:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Native American Archaeology
7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
8:30 PM Paltrowitz - with Darren Paltrowitz
9:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 PM A Conversation with...
10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
10:30 PM Gay USA

11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday March 8, 2026

7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church
11:30 AM Tabor Academy
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam
1:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
2:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road
4:00 PM Miss New Bedford
5:00 PM Putnam Murdock Concert at the Marion Art Center
7:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Falmouth
8:00 PM ORR Boys Hockey vs Somerset Berkley
9:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Aponequet
10:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Aponequet
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday March 9, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US
9:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:30 AM Miss New Bedford
11:00 AM For Your Health
11:30 AM Tabor Academy
12:00 PM Sesquicentennial Documentary
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Beacon Hill Report
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters
2:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
3:00 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz

3:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
4:30 PM The Human Truth
5:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Power and Glory
6:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
7:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
7:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Dr. Michael Moore
8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Butterflies of Southeastern Mass
9:30 PM The Collective Chat
10:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
10:30 PM AMC Outdoor Journey Fund
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Tuesday March 10, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM For Your Health
8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
10:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning
10:30 AM The Collective Chat
11:00 AM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
11:30 AM In the Toy Box
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Point Road Park Renaming Ceremony
1:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
3:30 PM Two Grannies on the Road
4:30 PM Teach Your Home Energy Costs!
6:00 PM Putnam Murdock Concert at the Marion Art Center
8:00 PM The Beacon Hill Report
8:30 PM Pete on the Street
9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Wednesday March 11, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape
8:00 AM Cape Conversations
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
10:30 AM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson
2:30 PM Money Matters
3:00 PM A Conversation With...
4:00 PM Tri-Town Veteran's Day Events
6:00 PM Building the Future
6:30 PM Pete on the Street
7:00 PM World Fusion Show
7:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Power and Glory
9:00 PM Teach your Home Energy Costs! with David Green
10:30 PM Mattapoisett Women's Club Speaker Series - Jack Matthews
11:00 PM Classic Movies

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7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
9:00 AM Marion Finance Commission
10:30 AM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission
11:00 AM Marion Water and Sewer
1:00 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission
3:30 PM Marion Conservation Commission
4:00 PM Marion Board of Health
5:00 PM Marion Planning Board
6:30 PM Marion School Committee
8:00 PM ORR School Committee
8:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee
10:30 PM Marion Finance Committee

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

Comcast Channel 26 Verizon Channel 40 Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
8:00 AM Rochester Planning Board
10:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
11:30 AM Rochester School Committee
1:00 PM Old Colony New Building Discussion
4:30 PM ORR School Committee
5:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee
7:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
8:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
9:30 PM Rochester Planning Board
12:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

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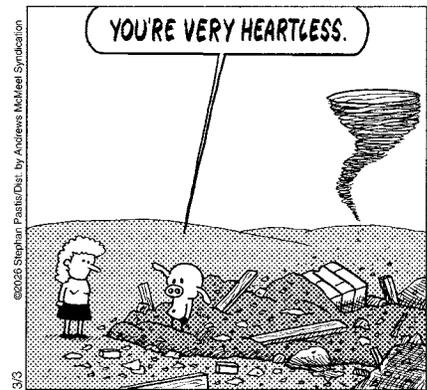
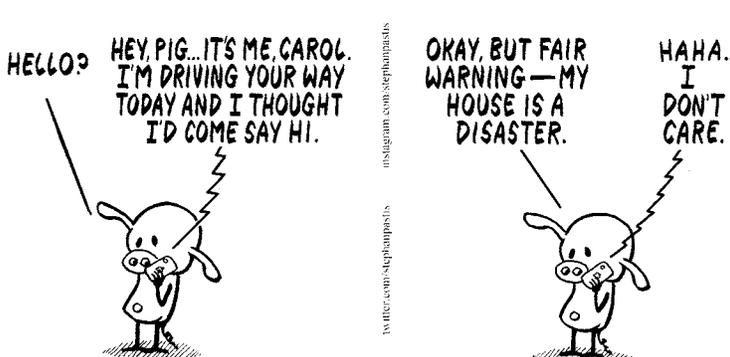
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7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM Bulldog Sports
9:00 AM Old Colony New Building Update
10:30 AM RMS Promotion Ceremony
11:30 AM Old Colony Exploratory Day
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
1:00 PM ORR/JHS Winter Concert
2:30 PM ORR Winter Concert
3:30 PM ORR Homecoming Pep Rally
4:30 PM ORR Unified Basketball vs Bourne
5:30 PM ORR Promenade 2025
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
7:00 PM ORR Boys Hockey vs Monomoy
8:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Seekonk
9:30 PM ORR Football vs Aponequet
11:30 PM ORR Soccer vs North Reading

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Marion Resident Running for the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge Team

On April 20, Geoffrey Noonan from Marion, Massachusetts, is running to defy cancer as a member of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team in the 130th Boston Marathon® presented by Bank of America, along with more than 500 Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge teammates from across the country and around the world, will run Massachusetts' historic marathon route from Hopkinton to Boston to collectively raise more than \$8.75 million for cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

This year marks the 37th annual running of the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge (DFMC), the largest and longest-running charity team for the Boston Marathon. One hundred percent of the funds raised by the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge team benefit Dana-Farber's Claudia Adams Barr Program in Innovative Basic Cancer Research, which enables promising scientific research in its earliest stages. The Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge has raised more than \$140 million for the program since 1990.

Runners include cancer survivors and patients, and family and friends of those who have been affected by cancer. Each team member must fulfill a basic fundraising commitment:

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OBITUARIES



Peter Alexander Borsari, 82, of Marion, passed away February 24, 2026, at home. He was the husband of Marjorie (Parker) Borsari and the son of the late Leopoldo “Paul” and Mary (Gubellini) Borsari.

He was born and grew up in Wareham before moving to Marion in 1970.

Mr. Borsari graduated from Wareham High School, class of 1961. He attended Franklin Institute of Technology.

Mr. Borsari worked as a sales engineer for Instron Corporation for most of his career before retiring in 2006 at the age of 62. His “second career” was working as an assistant harbormaster for the Town of Marion and as a fulltime substitute teacher at Wareham High School. Having traveled all around the world for his career, his favorite commute was taking his skiff from Marion’s Old Landing to the Town Wharf for work at the Harbormaster’s office. He loved the ocean and taught us many lessons such as “bluefish bite,” “just be nice,” and “lets poke the nose out the harbor and see where it takes us,” which usually meant the Chart Room.

Pete was affectionately known by family as “Mac-Gyver” because of his ability to fix and repair most anything. He was accomplished at chair caning and had several projects in his basement that were in progress. Pete loved football! Coaching Pop Warner Football for the Wareham Tigers and Old Rochester Bulldogs helping build multiple championship teams. He loved animals and had rescued many stray cats and dogs over the years. Most of all, he loved his family. Gathering and celebrating. His Quahog Fests were legendary and Wednesday Pasta nights were a weekly tradition for years. Pete had an unforgettable smile but most of all, Pete was just a really good guy!

Lovingly remembered by his wife of 62 years, Marjorie (Parker) Borsari; his children, Peter Borsari and his wife, Kristen of Rochester and Lisa Allman and her husband, Ron of Needham; the grandchildren he was so proud of, Nickolas Borsari, Jonathan Borsari and Emily Allman; nephews and nieces and his beloved cat, Lily.

Visiting hours are from 4 to 6 pm on Thursday, March 5, 2026, at Chapman Funerals & Cremations – Wareham, 2599 Cranberry Hwy., Wareham.



Theodore Reed Lorentzen, 81, passed away peacefully at his home in Fairhaven, MA on February 5, 2026 after a long neurological illness. He was married to his beloved wife Barbara (Mee) Lorentzen for fifty-three years and was a devoted son, father, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend.

Born on January 4, 1945, in Boston, MA, to Clathie (Mitchell) and Eric R. Lorentzen, Ted grew up in Hull, MA and graduated from Hull

High School and Drew University in Madison, NJ. At Drew he ran for the cross-country team and earned a B.A in Political Science and Sociology. After graduation in 1967, he served in the Army National Guard.

Ted worked as a truck driver for his family’s trucking business for thirty-eight years. From 1974, after his father’s death, he managed the business and hauled produce from ports in Newark, NJ, Albany, NY, Wilmington DE, and Bridgeport, CT for Tropical Banana Company and Stop & Shop. Upon retiring in 2006, he worked part-time as a driver and shipper for BMI Surplus in Hanover, MA until 2009.

Ted and his family lived in Hopkinton, MA for twenty-seven years and moved to Fairhaven in 2002. He joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 65, and bought and restored a 17-foot catboat that he enjoyed sailing in Buzzards Bay. Fascinated by the history of Fairhaven and town politics, Ted served on what became the Marine Resources Committee for eight years and also as a Board member on the Fairhaven Improvement Committee.

Ted found great pleasure in helping many friends in his retirement, assisting in the restoration of a wooden sailboat and in building an outdoor pizza oven and kitchen, tagging along as crew on a sailing trip, and driving elderly friends to appointments. He loved making something old feel new again, be it an old house, an antique truck, a piece of furniture, or an abandoned boat. He lived his life with a spirit of generosity, kindness, good humor, and hard work.

Ted is survived by his wife, Barbara, his son Christian Lorentzen and daughter Allison Lorentzen, both of Brooklyn, NY, his sisters, Katherine Gallagher of Northport FL, and Ann Marie Richards and her husband Ricky of Hopkinton, MA, his brothers and their spouses Paul and Mary Ann Lorentzen of Hopkinton, MA, and Eric and Deborah Lorentzen of Hull, MA, and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, April 25th at the Unitarian Church, 102 Green Street, Fairhaven at 11am and burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Millicent Library, 45 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719.



Sung Bok Kim, of Mattapoisett, born September 1932 passed away on February 23. He retired to Mattapoisett in 2013 after a 40 year career at the State University of New York at Albany where he was a Distinguished Service Professor of History. During his years there he taught, was Department Chair and Dean of Undergraduate Studies. He was the recipient of several Chancellor’s Awards for both teaching and scholarship. He also was named a Collins Fellow, an award which recognizes faculty who over a sustained period have shown extraordinary devotion to the

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March into the Mattapoissett Library

Do you need some free, basic tech help? Stop by Felicia's Tech Corner on Saturdays from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm for personalized, one-on-one assistance. Example topics include basic email assistance or help accessing Libby and Hoopla, the library's eBook and audiobook platforms. Not sure? Email Felicia at faguier@sailsinc.org or call the library to see if we can help.

Curious about Artificial Intelligence - but not sure what to believe (or how to stay safe)? Join us on Friday,

March 6, at 4:00 pm for a special intergenerational A.I. workshop for seniors, led by John and Bhavi, high school seniors and co-founders of the North Attleboro Senior Technology Program. No registration required.

Our Silent Book Club returns on Sunday, **March 8**, at 2:00 pm in the upstairs Reading Rooms. Participants will enjoy delicious treats, tea, and quiet time to read. Relax with friends, acquaintances, and strangers while learning about your next favorite book. The event is for patrons ages 16 and up - no registration required.

Learn everything necessary to start needle felting from The Felted Bee on Tuesday, **March 10**, at 3:00 pm. In this beginner-friendly workshop, participants will learn skills and techniques to create an adorable needle-felted

OBITUARIES

University and the people in it.

Sung Bok came to the United States from South Korea in 1960 and began graduate studies at the University of Wisconsin. He then went to Michigan State University where he received a PhD.

American International College was his first teaching position. From there he moved to Williamsburg, Va, as a post-doctoral fellow at the Omohundro Institute sponsored by Colonial Williamsburg. Simultaneously he taught in the History Department at The College of William and Mary. His next move was to The University of Illinois.

During that period he published a book, Landlords and Tenants in Colonial New York, which dealt with the NY Manorial system. His final academic move was to Albany where he spent the rest of his career working on a book about the American Revolution.

While living in Mattapoissett he continued to write and very much enjoyed coastal living as it reminded him of where he grew up. He loved this area. He leaves his wife of 61 years, Leda; a daughter, Briana of Schoharie, NY; and twin sons, Cortland (wife Tia) and Blakeley of San Francisco, CA.

In addition to his overwhelming passion for American history, he enjoyed watching lacrosse especially when his sons were playing. He also adored the numerous Bouvier des Flandres dogs that shared his home over the years.

Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoissett Home For Funerals and will be private. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



Jennifer (Andresen) Cipriano, 76, of Marion passed away on February 26, 2026, after a brief illness. She was the beloved wife of the late Patrick Cipriano with whom she spent 37 wonderful years. He was the love of her life.

Born in Medford, MA, to the late Robert and Florence (Hartley) Andresen. She lived most of her life in Marion.

Jennifer graduated from Old Rochester Regional High School in 1967 and University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, formerly Southeastern Massachusetts University, in 1972 with a degree in fine arts. Jennifer was very talented within the arts. She worked in various art related positions such as a textile transfer artist in New Bedford, retail advertising artist for a large chain of stores in Newport News, Virginia, and was a freelance scrimshander for nine years with her work being sold worldwide. Jennifer moved on to have a career in customer operations and retired from Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc after 25 years of service.

After retirement, Jennifer continued her passion for art by participating in various art associations and shows. She sold many paintings, was commissioned to create a one-of-a-kind painting for a client and worked with many different mediums in her paintings. Jennifer also had a wonderful life spending time with her husband, their close friends and family. The beach was a special place for Jennifer to spend time with close friends and celebrate nature. Jennifer's other passion, photography, resurfaced during this time motivating her to take pictures of nature and then create beautiful oil paintings.

Jennifer is survived by a son, Christopher Cipriano of New Bedford, a daughter, Leisha (Cipriano) O'Brien and her husband, Neal, of New Bedford, and several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Jennifer's visitation will be held from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Friday, March 13, 2026, at Chapman Funerals & Cremations - Wareham, 2599 Cranberry Hwy. Her funeral service will follow at 1:00 pm at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne.

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, or by email at office@wanderer.com.

TRITOWN HAPPENINGS



Andreas Loew spotted this bald eagle at Angelica Point in Mattapoisett



Five thirsty robins getting a snow drink in Marion after the storm. Photo Deb Dreschler



Ruth Griffin Shared this photo she took in the Mattapoisett Village after the Blizzard of 2026



On Saturday the Marion Natural History Museum's nature journaling group experimented with shading objects with pen and ink. We had a fun group and learned about showing dimensions with stippling and cross hatch. Next get together for this group will be early April. Check the museum's website, www.marionmuseum.org for additional programs. Photo courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold



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otter. Tools and materials are included. Recommended for ages 12 and up. Space is limited. Registration is required.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library is scheduled for Wednesday, **March 11**, at 6:00 pm. All are welcome to attend. A Zoom link to the meeting is available upon request. If you have any questions, please contact the library at mfpl@sailsinc.org. We can pass along your message to the Friends.

The Friends will continue accepting jewelry donations for their December 2026 sale. If you have gently used or unworn jewelry or accessories you'd like to donate, the Friends would love to take them off your hands. Please drop these items off at the circulation desk. Thank you. Your contributions are appreciated and will help support future library events.

Demystify Home Ownership on Saturday, **March 14** at 11:30 am with Rate Senior Loan Officer Sarah Gomes and Debbie Rose of Rose Homes - LAER Realty Partners. They'll be at the library for an informative talk on the possibilities of home ownership in this economy. First-time buyers and the buyer-curious are encouraged to come with questions. This program is open to all. No registration required.

Join us on Sunday, **March 15** at 2:00 pm, for an afternoon of storytelling with Joe Keane, a renowned seanachai (traditional Irish storyteller), as he brings to life Ireland's rich oral storytelling traditions. Ages 12 and up, no registration required.

Our Sunday Book Club meets on **March 15** at 2:00 pm. The club is intended for adults. Contact Librarian

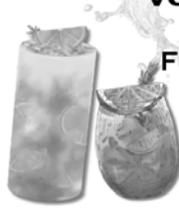
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Join our next Board Game Club on Tuesday, **March 17**, at 6:00 pm for "Trekking the National Parks," a friendly competition featuring North American National Parks. Camp at parks, collect stones, and earn the most victory points to win. Recommended for 2 to 5 players, but teams can be formed to accommodate more. Register online to save your spot. *If you've never played before, please arrive 15 minutes early to review the rules.

Teens and Tweens are invited to drop by the library after school on Friday, **March 20**, at 3:00 pm to make a Rainbow Scratch Bookmark. No registration. While supplies last.

Join Ms. Miyuki on Saturday, **March 21**, at 1:30 pm for another afternoon of painting by numbers. This relaxing craft involves filling in numbered sections on

*Travel back in time to 1841 as the New Bedford Youth Ballet performs **Courage, Perseverance, and Trust: The Manjiro Story**, for its annual spring performance on Sunday, **March 8** at the NBB Community Theatre, 2459 Purchase Street in New Bedford. Performances of **Courage, Perseverance, and Trust: The Manjiro Story** will be at 1:00pm and 2:00pm. Choreographed by artistic director Rebecca Waskiel-Marchesseault, and set to traditional Japanese music, featuring Taiko Drum Ensemble, Joji Hirota and the Taiko Drummers, and Yamato Ensemble, this original historical ballet is based on the extraordinary life of Manjiro Nakahama. Standing: Gabriel Coughlin (Rochester), Grace Rousseau (Mattapoisett), Lunging: Genevieve Arone (Marion), Emilia Szabo (Mattapoisett), Jillian Bonnell (Mattapoisett), Esther Smith (Rochester) Kneeling: Madeleine Reedy (Mattapoisett), Sitting: Grace Scanlon (Rochester), Penelope Angeley (Mattapoisett), Evelyn Chase (Marion), Alice Rogers (Rochester)*





MOVIE REVIEW

Ghosting

By Rob Gonsalves
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Scream 7. Starring Neve Campbell and Courteney Cox. Directed by Kevin Williamson. Running time: 114 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters.

It's old home week in *Scream 7*, which brings back a lot of faces from past *Scream* films, many of whom are dead. It's all part of the movie's feeble message about AI and deepfake technology, but I can't deny it's mild fun to see [redacted], [redacted], and especially [redacted] again. The biggest returning face, of course, is Neve Campbell.

The alpha final girl of the '90s, Campbell sat out *Scream VI* over a salary dispute but is back here as Sidney Prescott-Evans, who has previously sent a platoon of Ghostface killers to hell, starting with the first *Scream* in 1996. This outing brings more Ghostfaces, who threaten not only Sidney but her family — cop husband Mark (Joel McHale) and teenage daughter Tatum (Isabel May).

Some of the good old films in this franchise (the first two) can be heard faintly echoing throughout *Scream 7*, directed by Kevin Williamson from a script he cowrote with Guy Busick. Williamson wrote the first four entries in this series (all directed by the late Wes Craven), and usually he found something to say about the horror-slasher genre in all of them. This time, the satirical point, more or less ignored by the fifth and sixth *Scream* films, fades in and out like a bad analog signal — something to do with how deepfake and AI have made it impossible for us to trust what we see? It seems a long way from the animating spirit of the original *Scream*, which joined the audience in roasting itself until it turned that audience's fond contempt against them at knife's point.

Scream 7 has been getting some savage reviews (while setting a franchise record with its domestic opening-weekend grosses), but I didn't hate it. In a world where *Scream 4*, *5* and *6* exist, *Scream 7* would have to stumble over a pretty low bar to be the worst of the litter. Mostly my focus shifted to watching Neve Campbell, who has always excelled in conveying gravitas, play scenes with Courteney Cox, whose entire style is based on seeming wisecracked and brittle (Cox also returns as opportunistic journo Gale Weathers). When these two talk alone together, the text is often in the region of "Look at the thirty years of trauma we share; we're the only two alive who know what this is," but the subtext is two actors talking about roughly the same thing. And when they speak to each other they drop the bravado and engage like two very tired women. Sometimes we find excellence in the most unexpected places, such as the seventh part of a series that really should've cut bait 29



years ago.

The whodunit plot has some of Williamson's old cruelty, including a questionable motive dealing with abuse, and a few of the kills. (There is a kind of grotesque Argento-esque beauty in a shot of a victim backlit by a stage light, hanging in mid-air with a loop of intestines gleaming wetly.) The reveals are as ludicrously convoluted and implausible as they've always been in these movies. The *Scream* movies were never models of serious cinema until the last three films, where themes about the legacy of violence and the media's complicity in copycat violence, treated lightly in the early years, acquired stentorian resonances. Williamson, who was there at the beginning and can obviously see how the series' focus has changed, gives in to old-timer Gen-X nostalgia. The near-caricatures with snarky personalities who amusingly occupied the best two films have become, with age and experience, wise women who have seen it all. Does that mean Campbell and Cox, or Sidney and Gale? Why not both?

To be sure, that's a lot better than the characters, or the actors' style, never changing. But these actors are playing on a different level from the movie, which sticks to its goofball twists and turns. (*Scream 3* is the only film in the series in which there is only one Ghostface. I'd almost say that if Williamson really wanted to be radical and satirical he'd have a finale with a whole group of Ghostfaces, except that *Clown in a Cornfield* scooped Williamson on that.) The essential unseriousness of this series — not necessarily a bad thing, that — consorts uneasily with its own longevity. Because a woman like Sidney Prescott-Evans haunted by the same horrors every few years for three decades isn't only a plot device demanded by a long-running franchise. It's depressing, like Laurie Strode living under the shadow of Michael Myers for forty years. But Neve Campbell and Courteney Cox put across the weird reality of it. That they have something so interesting and highly specific to play thirty years into the franchise is to be valued.

a canvas with matching acrylic paints to create detailed art, promoting stress relief, improved focus, and a sense of accomplishment. Space is limited. Registration is required. For adults 18 and up.

Our new director, Jenny Martin, and Noi Sabal will be hosting a two-part Creative Writing Workshop on Sunday, **March 22 and 29** at 2:00 pm. For ages 16 and up. All experience levels welcome. Space is limited. Registration is required. Participants are encouraged (but not required) to attend both sessions.

Join us on **March 24** at 3:30 pm for "Polish Up Your Presentation," a Public Speaking Workshop. Storytellers Karen Chace and Andrea Lovett will lead a 90-minute public speaking workshop that is both fun and friendly. There will be interactive exercises, real talk, and skills you'll use immediately. Whether you're giving a class presentation, interviewing for a job, or have a desire to feel more confident speaking up, this workshop is for you. Stop dreading presentations. Start dominating them. Space is limited. Register online to save your spot.

The Well-Read Wednesdays Nonfiction Book Group regularly meets on the Fourth Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm in the Marine Room. The next meeting is scheduled for **March 25**. New members are welcome. No registration required.

Emerging adults, 20 and up, are invited to join us for the Literary Society's Mocktails and Mixology Masterclass on Tuesday, **March 31**, at 6:00 pm.

Participants are in for a spirited (zero-proof.) evening of Literary Mocktails with Jonathan Pogash, founder of The Cocktail Guru, and author of the Mr. Boston Bartender's Guide 75th Anniversary Edition. Learn to craft sophisticated, book-inspired mocktails, mingle with new friends, and enjoy free snacks while trading book recommendations. Then chat with Jonathan during an exclusive book signing. Perfect for young book lovers and beverage enthusiasts 20 and up. No registration required.

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As always, our programs and events are free and open to everyone. For more information, please visit us at 7 Barstow Street, online at www.mattapoissettlibrary.org, or call the library at 508-758-4171.

Children's Events at the Mattapoissett Library

Last week, I wrote about how this was the last week to sign up for the Quahog Reading Program. This was before the Blizzard of 2026. Since we've all been snowed in, I've decided to extend the registration deadline to Saturday, **March 7**, at 4:00 pm. The Quahog Reading Program is open to all students in grades 3-6. For

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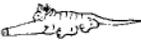
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MARION

Log highlights Feb 22 – Feb 28

- Spring St – Animal complaint
- Village Dr – General service
- County Rd – Noise complaint
- Parkway Ln – General offense
- Rocky Knook Ln – General service
- Piney Point Rd – EMS medical
- Delano Rd – General service
- Delano Rd – EMS/medical
- Marvel St – EMS/medical
- Stoney Run Ln – EMS/medical
- Ryders Ln – Animal bite
- Parkway Ln – Road hazard
- Front St – Gas leak
- Point Rd – Emergency services
- Oak St – Health/welfare
- Rezendes Ter – Health/welfare
- Stoney Run Ln – MV collision
- Hastings Rd – General service
- Cole Rd – Larceny/past
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious activity
- Riverview Ln – Health/welfare
- Bullivant Farm Rd – Health/welfare
- 195 West – MV stop/citation
- Mill St - Fraud
- Point Rd – Health/welfare
- Mill St – MV collision
- County Rd – Animal complaint
- Spring St – Suspicious person
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Feb 22 – Feb 28

- Lebaron Way – Suspicious MV
- Holly Ln - Disturbance
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- Meadowbrook Ln – Brush fire
- Grand View Ave – Larceny/forgery
- Acushnet Rd – General service
- Main St – Health/welfare
- Church St – General service
- Lebaron Way – Ambulance request
- Barstow St – Health/welfare
- Cannon St – Assist citizen
- Beacon St – Health/welfare
- Depot St - Transport
- Main St – Medical assist
- Wildwood Ter – Health/welfare
- River Rd – Ambulance request
- Fieldstone Dr – Medical assist
- Fairhaven Rd – 911 call
- Wildwood Tr – Health/welfare
- Holly Ln – Harassment order
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- Main St – Assist other agency
- Ridgewood Rd – Assist other agency
- 195 East – MV fire
- Fairhaven Rd – MV crash
- Brandt Island Rd - Threats
- 195 East – MV crash
- Ocean View Ave - Vandalism
- County Rd – MV crash

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Feb 22 – Feb 28

- Snows Pond Rd – 911 call
- Mayflower Rd – Road hazard
- Bassett St – Inside investigation
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV collision
- Gerrish Rd – 911 call
- Pierce St – 911 call
- Pierce St – General services
- Walnut Plain Rd – Carbon monoxide
- Clapp Rd – Road hazard
- Marion Rd – Assist other agency
- Walnut Plain Rd – Animal control
- Pierce St – Medical alarm
- Old Schoolhouse Rd – Medical
- Hathaway Pond Cir – Well-being
- County Rd - Disturbance
- Snipatuit Rd – MV collision
- Mattapoisett Rd – Animal control
- Marion Rd – Panic alarm
- Snipatuit Rd – Animal control
- Marys Pond Rd – Well-being check
- Bates Rd – General services
- Snipatuit Rd – MV stop/citation
- Dexter Ln – Follow up
- Hathaway Pond Cir – 911 call
- Marys Pond Rd – Public assist
- New Bedford Rd – Well-being check
- Walnut Plain Rd - Medical
- Dexter Ln – General service
- Neck Rd – Animal control

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, March 9: Seafood Cajun pasta w/shrimp & scallops, whole grain pasta, green peas, wheat bread, lemon cookie, diet: fruit

Tuesday, March 10: Caribbean beef w/onions & peppers, white rice, broccoli, dinner roll, cinnamon apples

Wednesday, March 11: Honey mustard chicken, butternut squash, mixed vegetables, dinner roll, pear

Thursday, March 12: Pot roast w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, Hawaiian roll, chocolate pudding, diet: fruit cup

Friday, March 13: Three bean chili, shredded cheese, green beans & peppers, cornbread bowl, orange

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, March 9: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, carrots

Tuesday, March 10: Taco nacho platter, brown rice, black bean salad, taco topping bar

Wednesday, March 11: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, orange

smiles, hashbrown patty

Thursday, March 12: Beef & potato bowl, whole grain dinner roll

Friday, March 13: Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, March 9: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, carrots

Tuesday, March 10: Taco nacho platter, brown rice, black bean salad, taco topping bar

Wednesday, March 11: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, orange smiles, hashbrown patty

Thursday, March 12: Beef & potato bowl, whole grain dinner roll

Friday, March 13: Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, March 9: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, carrots

Tuesday, March 10: Taco nacho

platter, brown rice, black bean salad, taco topping bar

Wednesday, March 11: Warm bacon, egg & cheese sandwich, orange smiles, hashbrown patty

Thursday, March 12: Grilled chicken BLT, pasta salad, seasoned mixed vegetables

Friday, March 13: Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, March 9: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, carrots

Tuesday, March 10: Taco nacho platter, brown rice, black bean salad, taco topping bar

Wednesday, March 11: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, orange smiles, hashbrown patty

Thursday, March 12: Beef & potato bowl, whole grain dinner roll

Friday, March 13: Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, March 9: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, carrots

Tuesday, March 10: Taco nacho platter, brown rice, black bean salad, taco topping bar

Wednesday, March 11: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, orange smiles, hashbrown patty

Thursday, March 12: Beef & potato bowl, whole grain dinner roll

Friday, March 13: Pizza crunchers, marinara sauce, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, March 9: Orange chicken bowl & dinner roll

Tuesday, March 10: Hot dog, baked beans & fries

Wednesday, March 11: American chop suey, green beans & garlic bread

Thursday, March 12: Appetizer sampler & carrot sticks

Friday, March 13: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

curious readers at home, the Quahog Reading Program is in its 13th year, and we have a great selection of books for this year. Notably, *Pocket Bear* by Newbery Medal-winning and #1 New York Times bestselling author Katherine Applegate, *Snoop*, by the one and only Gordon Korman, and the Newbery Honor Award Winner for 2026, *The Undead Fox of Deadwood Forest*, by Aubrey Hartman. The full list of Quahog Award candidates, along with more information about the Quahog Reading Program, is available on our website, mattapoissettlibrary.org, or by calling 508-758-4171.

Our weekly Drop-In Play Group will now feature exclusive activities each week. Children who are crawlers through Pre-K are welcome to drop in for the fun every Tuesday morning from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. Adult caretakers must stay with their young ones for the duration of the program - it's a Drop-in Play Group, not Drop-off.

Baby Storytime returns this Friday at 10:30 am, so mark your calendars. Except for the week of April Vacation (April 19-25), Baby Storytime will occur every Friday morning at 10:30 am until May 15.

Family Storytime will be returning next Thursday, **March 12**. Except for the week of April Vacation (April 19-25), Family Storytime will occur every Thursday morning at 10:30 am until May 14.

On Thursday, **March 5**, at 10:30 am, patrons ages 2-4 can create a vibrant ping-pong ball light craft with fun



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and creative color combinations. No registration required.

We hope to see you in the library soon. Until then, keep reading.

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

Do you like knitting, needlepoint, embroidery, or crocheting? Check out our newest club, Fiber Arts Club, Fridays from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm starting **March 6**. Meet new people, share fiber art project ideas, work with others, and share some laughs.

Join the Banned Book Club at their new time, **March 10** at 1:00 pm to discuss Zora Neale Hurston's

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- 8 Bun-topping seeds
- 15 Razor brand
- 19 "That's —!" ("Untrue!")
- 20 God, in Turin
- 21 Perk up
- 22 Picnic pests
- 23 "Secret Love" singer having two opposing personalities?
- 26 Performs like LL Cool J
- 27 2007 documentary about the U.S. health care system
- 28 Pick-up-sticks math game
- 29 Suffix with 110-Across
- 30 "Aquaman" star Jason
- 31 "Seven Year Ache" singer buying goods at wholesale?
- 37 — kwon do
- 39 Change habitats
- 40 Brigitte of "Contempt"
- 41 Not smart
- 44 Height: Abbr.
- 45 Ghana's capital
- 47 Biol. or geol.

- 49 Star of many silent Westerns creating an ensemble?
- 53 Butterfly food
- 55 Cineplex — (old theater)
- 56 Alternatives to coffees
- 57 Distinctive times
- 59 Wife of Zeus (old theater)
- 60 Stimp's pal
- 61 Go — ride
- 64 "ER" co-star Anthony
- 67 "Sleuth" co-star portraying a policeman?
- 71 Boot parts
- 74 Silent "yes"
- 75 Network on the telly, with "the"
- 76 Wall Street deg., often
- 79 Head, in Pau
- 80 Pare down
- 82 Speller's clarification
- 84 Cute, cutesily
- 86 Scottish language
- 89 Frequent USO show performer wishing earnestly?

- 92 Raw rock
- 93 Interrupt dancers, say
- 95 Coach Parseghian
- 96 The way things are now
- 97 Swings about, as one's arms
- 99 Exercise goal
- 102 Has too much, briefly
- 103 "Mame" star weighing people down?
- 108 Turin locale
- 109 Kin of "equi-"
- 110 Inflated head
- 111 Beginning
- 114 Telly
- 115 "Oliver!" Oscar nominee being zany?
- 120 Writer — Stanley Gardner
- 121 Iron or tin
- 122 Classic auto
- 123 Robert of "The Sopranos"
- 124 In view
- 125 Got narrower
- 126 It's opposite NNW
- 127 Other, in Spain

DOWN

- 1 Paw bottoms
- 2 "The Time Machine" race
- 3 Guys staffing military flights
- 4 Watch brand
- 5 Count up
- 6 Designer Versace
- 7 Playing (with)
- 8 — Diego
- 9 Conclusion
- 10 "Ransom" actor Gary
- 11 Mennonite sect
- 12 Soft rock?
- 13 Archaic verb suffix
- 14 In position
- 15 Overseas
- 16 List of players, in sports
- 17 It shows a pupil's grades
- 18 Analyze
- 24 "Rescue us!"
- 25 — Hess (former oil giant)
- 30 Jazz singer Carmen
- 32 Visa rival, for short
- 33 Soothes
- 34 "— boy!"
- 35 "La Brea" network

- 36 "Nuts!"
- 37 One-on-one instructor
- 38 Positive pole
- 42 "I believe," to texters
- 43 Iniquitous
- 45 Pungent
- 46 — -ching!"
- 48 Tax-deferred svgs. plans
- 50 Motionless
- 51 "Hud" actress Patricia
- 52 Huck Finn, for one
- 54 Burn a bit
- 58 Williams of tennis
- 62 Lyric poem
- 63 Huck Finn, for one
- 65 Prez called "Ike"
- 66 Net pop-ups, e.g.
- 67 "Uptown Girl" singer Billy
- 68 Oxide, e.g.
- 69 Fetus' home
- 70 Play award
- 71 "Let —" ("Frozen" song)
- 72 Time soon to come
- 73 Suspension bridge part
- 76 Popular food seasoning brand
- 77 Comrow, e.g.

- 78 Vast chasm
- 81 Slugging stat
- 82 Crucial artery
- 83 Went across
- 85 Print quality stat
- 87 In a very cold manner
- 88 Pick out
- 90 Welcome
- 91 Poet Ogden
- 94 China's Mao — -tung
- 98 Actress Quinn
- 99 Blossom
- 100 Mystery awards
- 101 English biscuits
- 103 Some Miller beers
- 104 Arm muscle, informally
- 105 Words on a help desk
- 106 NYC rep starting in '19
- 107 Rock — (Brazilian music festival)
- 112 Weizman of Israel
- 113 Novice
- 115 Fast plane
- 116 In the style of
- 117 Suffix with alp
- 118 "Inc." relative
- 119 Female deer

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A little wool-gathering is good right now. It helps you sort out some problems before you try to work out their solutions. But don't be out of it for too long, or you'll miss getting in on something important!

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your acquisitive self will find this to be a favorable time for buying something that you've wanted for a long time. Meanwhile, your inquisitive self leads to the disclosure of some important facts.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's time to come down to earth and face the reality about someone in your life. Get to the truth, then decide what you'll do about the relationship.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Relationships on the job and in your personal life seem to be up in the air at this time. Trying to get a handle on things is frustrating and probably futile. Wait for events to return to a steady, even flow.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You might be everyone's idea of a cool cat, but you'd really prefer going somewhere warm for a while. This is the time to do it! Expect good news from someone who is working hard on your behalf.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Things seem to be slowing down. Use this quieter time to do some much-needed meditation. You'll come away with a new understanding of what compels you to do what you do.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Marriage and mergers are favored at this time. Relationships, both personal and professional, might appear to be unraveling. But quick action can make long-lasting repairs.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A loved one reacts happily to a romantic suggestion. Consider a cruise or a trip if you have the time and money. But a movie and dinner will do just as well.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Don't wait for someone to help you bridge an emotional gap between you and a loved one. You need to take the initiative yourself. The result will be worth all the effort that you put into it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Stop blaming yourself for a problem at work. Someone else set the situation in motion, leaving you on the spot when something had to be done. So, perk up! You have lots of people on your side.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Positive aspects continue to favor explorations of new career opportunities. While you're eager to check these prospects out, you also need to spend more quality time with your family.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Cupid has an arrow with your name on it. But you need to help him find his target by getting out into the social swim where, with luck, the chubby cherub could pin two hearts with one arrow!

BORN THIS WEEK: You are honest and loyal. People trust you with their secrets. You would make a wonderful counselor or member of the clergy because you know how to listen to the heart, as well as the voice.

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“Their Eyes Were Watching God.”

Join Cozy Cup Book Club **March 11** at 11:00 am as they discuss Jess McKinlay’s “Love at First Book”. As always, coffee and tea are provided.

The library will be hosting an interactive community conversation on Pi Day, Saturday **March 14** starting at 11:00 am. What new programs, services, and offerings would you like to have at the Elizabeth Taber Library? Join the library for a pie tasting and a fun and engaging conversation about the future of the library.

If you enjoy discussing reading or books, try our Adult Readers’ Advisory group, every 4th Wednesday starting **March 24** at 11:00 am for popular book ideas, to see what others are reading, and to explore new genres.

The Elizabeth Taber Library is excited to announce that we’ll be hosting acrobat Li Liu on Saturday, **March 28** at 1:00 pm on the Marion Music Hall. Join us to see Li’s performance and to learn about the traditions of Chinese acrobatics. This program is for all ages and is free to attend. This program was funded with the generous support of the Marion Cultural Council.

For more information on the Elizabeth Taber Library visit us at www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org or email the library at ETLibrary@sailsinc.org. 8 Spring Street Marion, MA 02738. 508-748-1252.

MAC Theater Presents **The 39 Steps**

The Marion Art Center (the MAC) announces the opening of the MAC Theater’s production of **The 39 Steps** on **March 6** at 7:30 pm. The show was written by Patrick Barlow and John Buchan and is directed by John Heavey.

The show will run for 9 performances on March 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22 in the MAC’s Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater. The curtain on Friday and Saturday shows is 7:30 pm and the Sunday matinees start at 2:00 pm.

The 39 Steps is a fast-paced, slapstick comedy thriller where an ordinary man, Richard Hannay, is framed for murder and must go on the run to stop a spy ring from stealing vital British military secrets. The humor derives from the entire story being performed by a small cast who play over 150 characters, often making rapid costume and character changes. One actor plays the hero, Richard Hannay; an actress plays the three women with whom he has romantic entanglements; other actors play every other character in the show, each occasionally playing multiple characters at once. Thus, Alfred Hitchcock film’s serious spy story is given a comedic, zany twist that will leave you breathless.

The show stars Samantha Asker, Marisa Biever, Cynthia Johnson, Jacob Matthew, Rick Sherburne, Donn Tyler, Maura Barry Van Voris, Jennie Williamson, and Kerri Zhou. The show is stage-managed by Marisa Biever, and the Technical Director is Steve McManus.

Tickets are \$23 for MAC members and \$28 for nonmembers and can be purchased at marionartcenter.org/events.

As this is the first show in the MAC’s 2026 season,

this is the only chance for theater patrons to acquire season tickets. Season Ticket holders save 10-15% and receive free tickets to the MAC Theater Playwrights Incubator production. Learn more at marionartcenter.org/season-tickets.

Boating Safety Certification Classes

The Marion Police Department and Harbormaster’s Office are offering two free sessions of boating safety certification courses in accordance with new laws impacting recreational boating.

The Massachusetts Legislature passed a law, The Hanson Milone Act of 2024, requiring anyone operating a motorized vessel in Massachusetts to possess a Boater Safety Certificate. Starting April 1, 2026, all motorboat operators born after January 1, 1989, must complete a boating safety course to operate motorized vessels or personal watercraft such as a jet ski. Anyone born before January 1, 1989, will have until April 1, 2028, to obtain their boater safety certificate.

In response, the Marion Police Department and Harbormaster’s Office are offering Boating Safety Courses to anyone ages 12 and older during March and April. The classes are being offered at no cost at the Marion Police Department, 550 Mill Street.

Session dates are:

March session: 8:30 am - 2:30 pm, Saturday, **March 21** and Sunday, **March 22**

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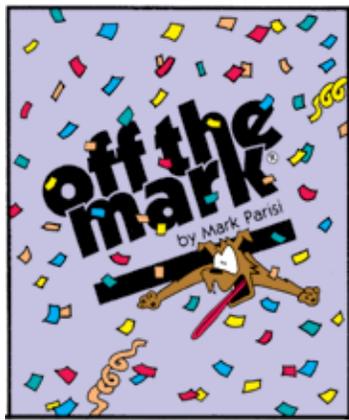


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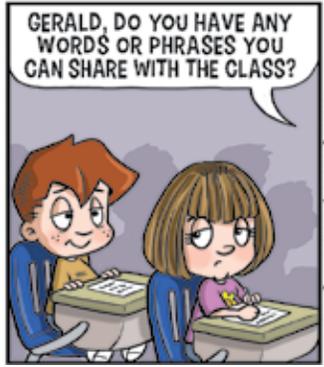
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April session: 8:30 am - 2:30 pm, Saturday, **April 11** and Sunday, **April 12**

Attendance is required on both days of the session to receive certification.

Massachusetts Environmental Police Officers certify instructors, provide classroom materials and additional support.

The courses are nationally approved. Course completion will allow anyone to operate a boat in states requiring Basic Boating Safety courses.

"Education is one of the most effective tools we have to prevent boating tragedies," said Police Chief Richard B. Nighelli. "We're proud to offer this free course to help our community meet the new education requirement while gaining the knowledge that keeps everyone safer on the water. I also want to thank our staff for their commitment to providing this important instruction."

Community members can register for the March session here or the April session here. Registration is open for the March class and opens on March 11 at 1:30 am for the April class.

Sippican Rod & Gun Club Scholarship

Sippican Rod & Gun Club is pleased to announce that for the 2026-2027 school year we will offer two \$1,000 scholarships to local students. Scholarships are available to any high school senior, or student currently enrolled in college or a certificate program. For application information go to www.sippicanrodandgunclub.org/about-5.

Applications will only be accepted by email and will only be accepted from now through Midnight **April 30**, applicants should receive return email confirmation within 72 hours or resubmit their application, incomplete applications will be discarded.

The Last Class

The Democratic Town Committees of Acushnet, Fairhaven, Mattapoissett, and Rochester as well as the Plymouth County Democratic League will host a special screening of The Last Class, a documentary featuring

former U.S. Secretary of Labor and economist Robert Reich, on Wednesday, **April 15** at 6:30 pm at the AMC Theater in Dartmouth.

The film follows Reich during his final semester teaching at UC Berkeley, weaving together personal reflections with a timely examination of economic inequality, democracy, and the importance of civic engagement. The Last Class has been praised for its thoughtful and accessible exploration of issues facing communities across the country.

Following the screening, attendees are invited to continue the conversation at the nearby Olive Garden, where a set of tables has been reserved for informal discussion. Meals and beverages will be available for individual purchase.

Tickets are \$25 per person and must be purchased in advance. Seating is limited. A limited number of free tickets are available for students; interested students should email acushnetdems@gmail.com.

Tickets and details: gathr.com/events/4d3e3251/the-last-class-at-amc-dartmouth-mall-11.

Rochester Historical Society News

I want to thank everyone who has sent in their 2026 dues and hope there are more memberships coming in. Remember they can be sent to the Rochester Historical Society PO Box 322 Rochester, MA 02770. Single memberships are \$12.00 and family \$20.00, but we will



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<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Town of Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, One Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770, regarding a Special Permit with Site Plan Review application filed by High Street Solar 1, LLC & High Street Solar 2, LLC, 55 Technology Drive, Suite 102, Lowell, MA 01851, for the property located at 0 High Street identified on Assessor's Maps 21A; 21 & 20, Lots 35; 21 & 22; 5, 16 & 17.</p> <p>The applicant is proposing the installation and operation of a ground-mounted solar energy system with battery energy storage system (BESS) and associated site work. The Property is located entirely within the Residential-Agricultural (RE/AG) District. The applicant's representative is Beals and Thomas, 144 Turnpike Road, Southborough, MA 01772.</p> <p>Further information may be obtained by contacting the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, during normal business hours.</p> <p>Learn More: Visit www.newleafenergy.com/project/high-street-solar for details on the solar project and associated land conservation, including benefits, and timeline.</p> <p>Project-specific questions can be submitted to: HighStreetSolar@newleafenergy.com Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82957434465 Meeting ID: 829 5743 4465 Or Call: 1 646 876 9923 Arnold Johnson, Chairman 2/26, 3/5</p>	<p>TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #840</p> <p>The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, March 26, 2026 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Toll Northeast V. Corp., for a Special Permit under sections 230-2.3 and 230-6.1c of the zoning by-law to allow the alteration of a non-conforming structure dock.</p> <p>The property, located at 78 Wareham Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 7, as lots 24, 25, 27, 28c and 29. Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 3/5, 3/12</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #841</p> <p>The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:45 pm on Thursday, March 26, 2026 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Carol C. Amick and William Moonan, for a Special Permit under section and 230-6.1c(1) of the zoning by-law to allow the reconstruction of a non-conforming structure that will not be substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming structure to the neighborhood.</p> <p>The property, located at 14 Quelle Lane, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 14, as lots 170 and 171. Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 3/5, 3/12</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>A public hearing has been scheduled for March 10, 2026, at 6:45 p.m. in the first floor conference room of the Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA and available on ZOOM, upon the application of Eden Coffee and Bakery, 33 County Road, Store 5, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 for a Common Victualler's License. Manager of record to be Vanessa DosSantos. R. Tyler Macallister, Chair Jodi L Bauer, Vice Chair, Jordan C. Collyer, Clerk 3/5</p>	<p>59640, Page 301. The owner wishes to construct a new single-family house with an attached garage with a 2,834 sq. ft. footprint.</p> <p>Jeffrey A. & Julie A. Hayward, 18 Nashawena Road, Mattapoisett, MA, also known as Plot 15A, Lot 111 on the Assessor's Map. Zoning District W-30. Recorded in the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book 40420, Page 51. The owner proposes to construct a 2-story garage with an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) above the exact general location of a 165 sq. ft. accessory shed, which will be demolished. The proposed living space floor area of the ADU will be 384 sq. ft. or 50% of the living space of the primary house (768 sq. ft.), the remaining 448 sq. ft. of the 2nd story. Amendment case #1576.</p> <p>Patrick M. & Sharon J. Costello, 41 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett, MA, also known as Plot 17, Lot 103 on the Assessor's Map. Zoning District RR-45. Recorded in the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book 25419, Page 118. The property contains a lot area of 64,329 sq. ft. and is partially developed with a single-family dwelling. The property has 223.95' of frontage along Fairhaven Road (Rt. 6) and 147.44' of frontage along Wildwood Terrace. The applicants are requesting to re-divide the property to construct a house on the northerly portion of the property abutting Wildwood Terrace. The Lot Division Plan depicts two lots, Lot #1 with 19,270 sq. ft. and 147.44' of frontage along Wildwood Terrace, and Lot #2 with 45,059 sq. ft. of lot area and 223.95' of frontage along Fairhaven Road. It should be noted that per the Plan, the existing house and deck will be demolished, and a new dwelling will be constructed in the same general location, at the top of the knoll. Additionally, the new house's location will comply with all current building setback requirements. 3/5, 3/12</p>
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gladly accept larger amounts.

Though it may not seem like it, spring is coming. Daylight Savings Time begins March 8. That said, April is not far behind. Our first meeting at the Historical Museum, 355 County Rd., Rochester will be at 7:00 pm on **April 15** and it will be Genealogy and the Revolution. Mark it on your calendar and it will make spring seem a little closer.

Rochester Democratic Town Committee Caucus

The Rochester Democratic Town Committee will be hosting its 2026 Caucus on Monday **March 9** at 6:00 pm. Early registration will start at 5:30 pm. The 2026 Massachusetts Nominating State Democratic Convention will take place at the DCU Center in Worcester on Friday and Saturday, May 29 and 30. The RDTC caucus will take place at the Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library 17 Constitution Way in the community conference room. Registered Rochester Democrats will elect three delegates and three alternates to attend and participate in the Massachusetts Democratic Party Convention for the purpose of voting for and endorsing candidates for election in November. The final convention schedule will be announced in the Final "Call to Convention", which will be published in the coming month. Delegates and alternates apportioned to each town must be gender balanced. Committee Chairs shall be ex-officio delegates who shall not be included in the total number of delegates allocated for the caucus. Only registered and pre-registered Democrats from Rochester shall be allowed to vote at the local caucus. Pre-registered Democrats must be 16 years-old and must be pre-registered by the time of the caucus. Citizens interested participating in the RDTC caucus can register to vote as a Democrat during early registration at the caucus from 5:30 to 6:15 on the day of the caucus.

Hello from Plumb Library

Here are a few things to add to your March calendars, as we all eagerly await the beginning of Spring.

The Library has a new Crafty Creators Club. Kids ages 6-11 years are welcome to bring their in-progress DIY projects to the Library to meet other crafters and just hang out. This is a social meet up for kids working on knitting, crochet, cross stitch, and the like. Very limited help or instruction is available. Join us at 4:30 pm Wednesday **March 11**, no registration required.

Lego Club for Kids ages 6-11 years. This is a free-build get-together. Create from our supply of Lego bricks using prompts or just your imagination. Builds are stored in the Library, so you can return to your work at the next session. Drop in at 4:30 pm on Tuesday **March 3 and 17**, no registration needed.

The Winter Session of Storytime continues through March 10 and March 11. Join in at 10:30 am

on Tuesdays for the baby group, ages 6-24 months, or 10:30 am on Wednesday for families with kids ages 2-5 years. Come for stories, songs, crafts, and new friends. Registration is required weekly and space is limited. New Free Play Fridays begin at 10:30 am on Friday March 6. Best for kids up to age 5 years. Come and play in our downstairs program room. Hosted by Ms. Fuchsia, our children's librarian.

More information for all Library events can be found on our Events Calendar via our webpage www.plumblibrary.com. This is also where to register for any Library programs requiring sign-ups. Feel free to contact us with any questions.

Other Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- Knitting Group 6:30 pm Mondays **March 9, 16, 23, 30**
- Board of Library Trustees 6:30 pm Tuesday **March 12**
- Writers Group 6:30 pm Thursday **March 19**
- COA Group Bookclub 1 pm Tuesday **March 17** at the Rochester Council on Aging
- Books & Babble Bookclub 6:30 pm Thursday **March 26**.

Want to stay up-to-date on Library happenings? Sign up for the monthly emailed Newsletter, check out the online Events Calendar, or "like and follow" us on Facebook and Instagram.

Library hours: Monday/Thursday 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Tuesday/Wednesday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm; closed Sundays and Holidays. Contact us: call 508-763-8600 or



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adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c).

Project plans and documents for the Waterways application are on file for public viewing electronically at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp/> (enter "26-WW01-0023-APP" in the Search Page as the Record ID). If you need assistance, please contact vin.manfredi@mass.gov or if you do not have access to email, please leave a voicemail at (857) 283-5901 and you will be contacted with information on alternative options.

Written comments must be addressed to: Vin Manfredi, DEP Waterways Regulation Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347 or vin.manfredi@mass.gov . 3/5

**TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 7:35 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by The David R. Hooke Trust – 2019, for modifying an existing private pier to improve access to nearby waterways at 290 Delano Road.

The site is further identified as Lot 4C on Marion Assessors' Map 5. Plans are available at the Town House Annex for review.

Matthew Shultz, Chair

*Please contact Emma Sylvia at esylvia@marion-ma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 3/5

**TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 7:45 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Microsoft Teams (Remote Participation Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by William Washburn, for the removal of a large tree at 45 Rocky Knook Lane.

The site is further identified as Lot 46 on Marion Assessors' Map 26. Plans are available at the Town House Annex for review.

Matthew Shultz, Chair

*Please contact Emma Sylvia at esylvia@marion-ma.gov for the Microsoft Teams link and for meeting information. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV. 3/5

**TOWN OF MATTAPoisETT
REQUEST FOR BIDS
CONCESSIONS AT SHIPYARD PARK PARKING LOT**

The Town of Mattapoisett is seeking bids for the awarding of a three-year agreement for the operation of a seasonal concession at the Shipyard Park Parking Lot. A set of bid criteria and conditions of the proposal is available online by going to the Town of Mattapoisett website at www.mattapoisett.gov

All persons interested in submitting a proposal should mail/drop off such to Town of Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, PO Box 435, marked "Concession Bid" and shall be post-

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marked no later than April 3, 2026.
Town Administrator's Office 3/5, 3/12

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM
Notice of License Application Pursuant to M. G. L. Chapter 91**

Applicant: Thomas Holt
NOTIFICATION DATE: March 6, 2026

Public notice is hereby given of the waterways application by Thomas Holt to reconstruct and maintain a pier, gangway, float, and float piles, and construct and maintain a boat lift system at 39 Mattapoisett Neck Road in the municipality of Mattapoisett within the waters of the Mattapoisett River. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more, with at least five of the ten residents residing in the municipality(s) in which the license or permitted activity is located, to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program by the Public Comments Deadline will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c).

Project plans and documents for the Waterways application are on file for public viewing electronically at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp/> (enter "26-WW01-0027-APP" in the Search Page as the Record ID). If you need assistance, please contact christine.koczera@mass.gov or if you do not have access to email, please leave a voicemail at (857) 268-6653 and you will be contacted with information on alternative options.

Written comments must be addressed to: Christine Koczera, Environmental Analyst, DEP Waterways Regulation Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347. 3/5

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email at info@plumblibrary.com during regular hours.

Mattapoissett Library Reopens Seed Exchange

The Mattapoissett Library is excited to announce the return of our beloved Seed Library. As the days grow longer and the snow gradually melts away, it's a perfect time for local gardeners and nature enthusiasts to prepare for spring planting. Whether you're starting a new garden or expanding your collection, our Seed Library is restocked and ready for you.

This season, we're offering a wide variety of plants, including mizuna, parsnips, beets, tomatoes, kale, radishes, peas, and corn. We also have native wildflowers to beautify any landscape. Supplies are limited. Please take only what you need so we can ensure plenty for everyone.

Seeds do not need to be returned. However, we encourage patrons to bring in any seeds they've collected or no longer need when they come check out new ones. And while you're here, visit our Library of Things for all the tools and kits necessary to dig in and grow a garden, including Soil Testing Kits, Soil Block Kits, Tillers, and more.

The Seed Library is free and open to everyone, regardless of gardening experience. Patrons only need an active SAILS library card to participate.

No library card? No worries. Just bring your ID and sign up for one when you visit to browse our seed selection. Library cards are free and provide access to resources offered at the MFPL and surrounding SAILS libraries.

Stop by 7 Barstow Street in Mattapoissett and borrow what you need to start your garden today. For more information, visit the library, email mfpl@sailsinc.org, or call us at 508-758-4171.

Music at the MAC: Paul Bielatowicz & Simon Fitzpatrick Duo

Sounds of Silents is a multimedia concert experience featuring Paul Bielatowicz (guitar) and Simon Fitzpatrick (bass/chapman stick), of Carl Palmer's Emerson, Lake & Palmer. Part concert, part cinematic experience, entirely unforgettable.

The show is on Thursday, **March 19** at 7:30 pm, at the MAC, located at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion. Tickets are \$25 for members and \$30 for nonmembers. The show is general admission.

Simon Fitzpatrick has performed with Kee Marcello (Europe), Joe Lynn Turner (Rainbow / Deep Purple), Jennifer Batten (Michael Jackson, Jeff Beck) and numerous acclaimed artists across the rock and fusion world. His unique bass and Chapman stick style has earned him a reputation as one of the most versatile players on the modern progressive scene.

Paul Bielatowicz has recorded and toured with some of the biggest names in progressive rock, including

Neal Morse, Dream Theater and Arthur Brown. His genre-defying approach combines classical precision with the sonic power of modern guitar.

Both musicians are veteran members of Carl Palmer's ELP Legacy, bringing a deep authenticity to their interpretations of Emerson, Lake & Palmer's music, some of which audiences can expect during this show.

Sounds of Silents is not simply a concert, but a cinematic event - equally at home in theatres, concert halls, arts centers and music festivals. A celebration of film, virtuosity, and imagination, this is a performance not to be missed.

Tickets and information about the event can be found at marionartcenter.org/events.

Project GROW Preschool Program Registration

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson is pleased to announce that registration for the Old Rochester Regional School District and MA Superintendency Union #55 Project GROW preschool program is open for the 2026-27 school year.

Project GROW has long provided high-quality pre-schooling to children in Marion, Mattapoissett and Rochester.

"Project GROW continues to be an important entry point into learning for many of our youngest students," Superintendent Nelson said. "Project GROW reflects our commitment to early childhood education



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by offering a welcoming, supportive environment where children can build confidence, curiosity and essential social skills."

The program provides children with a part-day, high-quality preschool experience in a public school setting, in addition to an inclusive learning environment for children with special needs.

The program is being offered at three district schools:
Sippican Elementary School, Marion (9:00 am to 1:00 pm)
Center School, Mattapoisett (8:50 am to 12:50 pm)
Rochester Memorial School, Rochester (9:00 am to 1:00 pm)

The program consists of two classes:
Tuesday and Thursday (\$2,520/year)
Monday, Wednesday, Friday (\$3,780/year)
All classes follow the ORR public school calendar.

This four-hour program is open to all children residing in Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester who will be 3 years of age before September 1, 2026.

Each Project GROW class is held at the town elementary school where the family resides.

Parents and guardians are reminded that they are responsible for providing transportation to and from the program each day.

"Project GROW is designed to meet children where they are developmentally while encouraging independence, creativity and collaboration," said Early Childhood Coordinator Doreen Lopes. "Our educators focus on meaningful experiences that help children develop a strong sense of readiness for kindergarten and beyond."

Each preschool class is staffed by a certified teacher and assistant. The program aligns with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and follows the High/Scope curriculum.

Marion Social Club Chicken Dinner

The Marion Social Club will be having a Chicken Dinner on **March 8** at the Club located at 44 Pumping Station Road in Marion.

The Dinner will include a barbequed chicken, baked potato, vegetable & dessert. Cost is \$18.00 for each ticket, and the cutoff date is March 1. For ticket information please call Betsy Youngson at 508-295-8253. Doors open at noon for socializing, dinner will be served at 1:00 pm. We are always looking for new members if anyone is interested.

MNHM Community Programs

Owl Pellet dissection event for adults - **March 11**, 10:30 am to 11:30 am. Join us for an exciting exploration into the world of owls and their unique eating habits. Over the years we've been asked by the adult community to host an owl pellet dissection opportunity just for them.

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Pellet Dissection program provides a fascinating insight into these nocturnal predators. Learn how owls consume mice, voles, small birds, and more. We'll delve into regurgitated pellets, consisting of bones, teeth, fur, and feathers.

By dissecting the pellets, we unveil the diverse diet of owls and the frequency of different prey. Each pellet is dry heat sterilized. Gloves and dissection tools are provided to ensure a safe and hygienic experience. A \$10.00 donation to the museum pays for your pellet. Please preregister for this event at www.marionmuseum.org.

Backyard Butterflies with Joe Dwelly - **March 18**, 10:30 am to 11:30 am - In this session we will discuss butterflies that are likely to come to the suburban yard and how to attract them.

We will talk about some of the important plants that might fit into a suburban yard and provide references for identifying plants that attract pollinators.

We will see photos of some of our most common butterflies and share information about how to identify butterflies.

Please remember to preregister at www.marionmuseum.org.

Bourne-Wareham Art Association Scholarship

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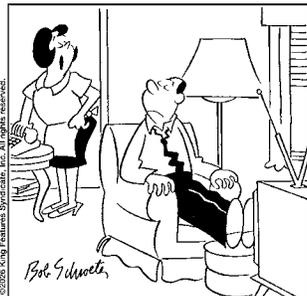
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will be taking place again this year. We are a group of local artists promoting visual arts throughout the Buzzards Bay region. Graduating seniors from the region who plan to pursue a career in visual art are eligible and encouraged to apply. Participant portfolio presentations will be Saturday April 18th, noon, at the Wareham Free Library, 59 Marion Road, Wareham, MA 02571. The award, \$500+ is provided to the winner(s) after they forward evidence of a first semester passing grade to the BWAA president. Cutoff date to submit application forms is **April 10**. Parents, teachers, and counselors are welcome to attend the student presentations. To obtain a copy of the registration form or for more information, you can go to lindahannonart.com/bwaa-achievement-award/ or email LindaHannonArt@gmail.com.

Mattapoissett Woman's Club Scholarships

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club has announced two \$2,500 scholarships available to Mattapoissett residents who are high school seniors planning to continue full-time studies at the college level.

Scholarships applications are available in the guidance offices at Old Rochester Regional High School, Bishop Stang High School, Tabor Academy, Old Colony Vocational Technical High School, Bristol County Agricultural High School, and online at www.mattapoissettwomansclub.org (see Scholarships). Applications must be postmarked on or before **March 31**. Incomplete submissions or those received after the deadline will not be considered.

The scholarships are made possible by fundraising events in our community. Membership in the Mattapoissett Woman's Club is open to any woman interested in furthering and supporting the philanthropic, academic, civic, and social goals of the organization.

Mattapoissett Democrats to Hold Caucus

On Wednesday **March 18**, at 6:30 pm, the Mattapoissett Democratic Town Committee will convene in the downstairs public meeting room of the Mattapoissett Free Public Library to hold its local caucus to elect five (5) Delegates and four (4) Alternates to represent Mattapoissett at the Massachusetts State Democratic Convention, to be held Friday and Saturday May 29 and May 30 in Worcester at the DCU Center. This year is a nominating convention for the Senate seat Edward Markey currently holds.

Registered and pre-registered Democrats in the Town of Mattapoissett may be elected as delegates or alternates during the caucus. Pre-registered Democrats must be 16 years old by the start of the caucus window (February 19, 2026) and must be pre-registered by the time of the caucus.

Those interested in getting involved with the Mattapoissett Democratic Town Committee or for more information pertaining to the caucuses, please email Chairperson Nicki Demakis at ndemakis@tidhlaw.com.

Town of Marion Local Election

The Town of Marion Local Election will be held on Friday, **May 15**. Nomination Papers are now available at the Town Clerk's Office. The deadline to return completed papers is Monday **March 27** by 5:00 pm. The potential candidate must secure twenty-eight (28) signatures to be placed on the ballot. The Town Clerk recommends that the potential candidate obtain at least thirty-five (35) signatures. In order to run for an elected position, you must be a registered voter in the Town of Marion. Any questions, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 508-748-3502.

The open seats are as follows: Board of Assessors (1), Board of Health (1), Select Board (1), Marion School Committee (2), ORR School Committee (1), Open Space Acquisition Commission (2), Planning Board (3).

Marion Special Town Meeting

The Town of Marion will hold a Special Town Meeting on Monday, **March 23**, beginning at 6:45 pm at the Sippican School Multipurpose Room. The warrant will be closed at the February 18 Select Board meeting and warrants will be mailed to voters. For more information, please contact Donna Hemphill at 508-748-3520 or dhemphill@marionma.gov.

Call for Entries - Declaration & Dialogue: Reflections on 250 Years

The Marion Art Center announces a call for entries to its upcoming juried summer exhibition, Declaration & Dialogue: Reflections on 250 Years. As we mark the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, we invite artists to engage deeply with what this milestone means now - through lenses of commemoration, critique, hope, and transformation. This exhibition seeks contemporary works that spark conversation, paired with historic artifacts or artworks on loan from private collections or institutions.

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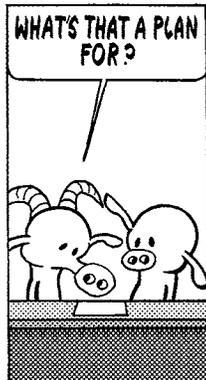
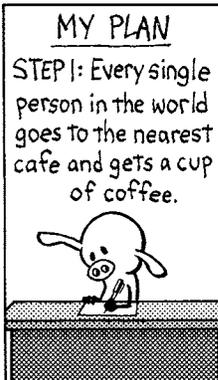
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



should reflect the artist's personal interpretation of the Declaration's legacy - its ideals, challenges, complexities, or contradictions. Submissions may or may not offer political or social commentary; entries may reflect personal, aesthetic, emotional, or conceptual interpretations.

The deadline for entries is **June 1**, and the show dates are July 10 to August 7. More information and application instructions can be found at marionartcenter.org/events.

Noah Greany's Legacy Blood Drive

March is Red Cross Month, a time to recognize more than 130 years of lifesaving work by American Red Cross volunteers. In that spirit, the community is invited to roll up a sleeve and help save lives at a Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, **March 7**, from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoissett. The blood drive is sponsored by the Noah Curtis Greany Foundation and honors Noah.

Greany's Legacy, inspired by Noah's childhood dream to "find the cure for cancer" and improve survival rates for patients. Through blood donation, that dream continues to make a real difference.

The drive also honors Noah's uncle, Joe Corazzini, who is battling a rare and terminal autoimmune disease known as VEXUS. Joe has required numerous blood transfusions over the past six months and depends on donations from the community blood bank. Without these transfusions, his family says he would not be alive today.

According to the American Red Cross, someone in the United States needs blood every two seconds. Blood donations are critical for accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and individuals receiving treatment for cancer, leukemia, and sickle cell disease. All blood types are needed.

Community members can help save lives and honor Noah's legacy by scheduling an appointment at RedCrossBlood.org using sponsor code MATTAPoisettLEGACY, or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Giving blood is a simple act that can mean everything to someone in need.

Sippican Woman's Club Scholarship

The Sippican Woman's Club is pleased to announce that it will award four Scholarships, each up to \$2,500, to graduating high school seniors who reside in Marion. Scholarships are based on academic achievement, co-curricular involvement, community service, and financial need.



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One recipient will also receive the \$500 Lu Chevrier Award, presented to a student who plans to pursue teaching or has demonstrated a commitment to teaching through tutoring or mentoring. The award honors Lu Chevrier, a former President of the Club and longtime board member.

In addition, the Club will award eight Renewal/ Continuing Education Scholarship awards, each up to \$500, to Marion residents currently enrolled in a post-secondary college or training program. These scholarships are intended to support students continuing their academic journey beyond their initial year of study, including current college students - as well as individuals pursuing career-advancing coursework, professional certifications, or trade and technical programs. The Club is proud to support lifelong learning and educational advancement at all stages.

Applications are available at www.sippicanwomensclub.org and through the guidance departments at Old Rochester Regional High School, Tabor Academy, Falmouth Academy, Bishop Stang High School, Old Colony Regional Technical High School, and Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical High School. Applications must be received by **April 15**.

The Club also presents the Alice Ryder Book Award to the highest-ranking 8th grade English student. Alice Ryder served as President of the Sippican Woman's Club three times and authored *Lands of Sippican*, a history of Marion, Rochester, and Mattapoissett.

Founded in 1887, the Sippican Woman's Club is a nonprofit organization dedicated to social, educational, and humanitarian initiatives. Through year-round programming, community outreach, fundraising efforts and generous local business sponsors, the Club proudly supports local students and the Marion community.

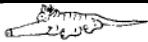
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Friday	March 6	9:47	10:09	3:12	3:12
Saturday	March 7	10:28	10:50	3:48	3:45
Sunday	March 8		12:10	5:25	5:21
Monday	March 9	12:33	12:54	6:06	6:01
Tuesday	March 10	1:18	1:40	6:55	6:49
Wednesday	March 11	2:06	2:30	8:06	7:53
Thursday	March 12	3:00	3:26	9:48	9:16
Friday	March 13	4:04	4:31	10:58	10:35
Saturday	March 14	5:11	5:34	11:44	11:34
Sunday	March 15	6:04	6:24		12:22
Monday	March 16	6:48	7:07	12:21	12:55
Tuesday	March 17	7:29	7:48	1:05	1:28
Wednesday	March 18	8:09	8:30	1:48	2:02
Thursday	March 19	8:52	9:12	2:32	2:38
Friday	March 20	9:36	9:57	3:16	3:15
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	First Quarter	March 25th
	Full Moon	April 2nd



I Found the Aardvark!

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Today's Word
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Sudoku Answer

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Cake Mix
or Frosting

\$1.69



Gallon. Selected Variety
Arizona
Beverages

2/\$8

12 oz. Cans. 6 pk. Selected Variety
Spindrift
Soda

\$1.99
+Dep.

16 oz. Selected Variety
Vlasic
Pickles

2/\$6

16.3 oz. Selected Variety
Betty Crocker
Brownie Mix

\$2.19

13.7-13.8 oz.
Kellogg's
Town House or Club Crackers

\$3.99

6.7 oz. Chocolate Chip
Quaker
Chewy Granola Bars

2/\$6

32 oz. Selected Variety
Stonyfield Organic
Yogurt

\$4.99

8 oz.
Hood
Sour Cream

2/\$3

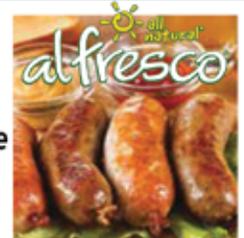
10 oz. Selected Variety. Antibiotic Free
Willow Tree
Chicken Pot Pie

\$3.99

MEAT, DELI, & CHEESE

11 oz. Pkg.
Selected Variety
Al Fresco
Chicken Sausage

\$4.99



16 oz. Pkg.
Selected Variety
Boar's Head
Bacon

\$12.99



24 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety
Simply Potatoes
Mashed Potatoes

\$4.49

Deli Sliced
Boar's Head
EverRoast Chicken

\$11.99
lb

Deli Sliced
Boar's Head
American Cheese

\$6.99
lb

Deli Fresh
Friends' Store Made
Chicken Salad

\$11.99
lb

Deli Fresh
Friends' Store Made
Greek Pasta Salad

\$8.99
lb

Deli Fresh
Friends' Store Packaged
Egg Salad

\$11.49
lb

10 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety
Boar's Head
Hummus

2/\$7

8 oz. Pkg.
Boar's Head
Feta Cheese

\$4.99

BAKERY

6 oz. Pkg. Selected Variety
Steve's Snacks Bakery
Whoopie Pies

\$2.99

Fresh
Store Made
Garlic Bread

\$3.49



CHEF PREPARED

With Salsa & Sour Cream
Smoked Pork Burrito

\$12.99
ea

Spicy Sesame
Peanut Noodles

\$10.99
lb

Pint
Black Bean & Corn Salad

\$9.99

Fresh
Garden Side Salad

\$6.99
ea

Homemade
Savory Pies to Go!

Small

Large

Chicken Pot Pie

\$13.99
ea

\$19.99
ea

Shepherd's Pie

\$12.99
ea

\$19.99
ea

WINE

**March's
Mix 'N Match Sale!**

Choose 3 Bottles of Wine
and Get 10% Off!
Any 6 Bottles of Wine or More
and Get 20% Off!

*Excludes markdowns, monthly sale wines,
3/\$30, and wines price ending in 98¢

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ENTERTAIN WITH FRIENDS'!

Check out our online catering menu for an amazing selection of platters and main dishes to make all of your gatherings stress free and delicious!

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www.friendsplumbcorner.com



Friends'
marketplace

565 Rounseville Rd.
Rochester, MA 02770
Phone: 508.763.5333

Open Daily: 7am-8pm

at PLUMB CORNER

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SALE EFFECTIVE: Friday, March 6 to Thursday, March 12, 2026

BLOCKBUSTER SAVINGS!

Certified Black Angus,
85% Lean
**Friends' Premium
Ground Chuck**
\$8.99
lb



10.5 oz. Original
**General Mills
Lucky Charms
Cereal**
\$1.98



16.3 oz. Selected Variety
**Skippy
Peanut Butter**
\$2.69



5.3 oz. Selected Variety
**Chobani
Yogurt**
4/\$5



64 oz. Selected Variety
**Almond Breeze
Almondmilk**
2/\$6



32 oz. Selected Variety
**Gifford's
Ice Cream**
\$4.99



QUALITY PRODUCE



Crisp
Green Cabbage **58¢**

5 lb. Pkg. New England Grown
White Potatoes **\$2.99**

1 lb. Pkg.
Carrots **2/\$3**

2 lb. Pkg.
Yellow Onions **2/\$3**

Fresh
Asparagus **\$3.99**
lb

Fresh
Minneola Oranges **\$1.69**
lb



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